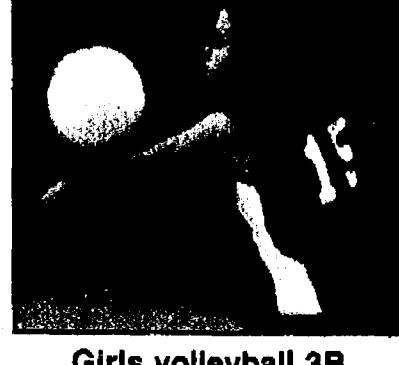




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School board votes 6-1 to close Frederic Elementary

by Susan Warrington
Staff Writer

The Crawford AuSable School Board made a decision Monday night on a troublesome issue that is facing school boards throughout the state. With schools facing at least an eleven percent funding cut next year, boards are looking for ways to trim their budgets. One way is closing school buildings.

The board had met just the previous Wednesday, February 5 with approximately 70 residents of Frederic and Maple Forest to answer their questions and listen to their concerns regarding the possible closure of Frederic Elementary. The board received resolutions from both Frederic and Maple Forest Township at these meetings stating that the closing of Frederic Elementary would be devastating to the community. One section of the Maple Forest resolution stated "Maple Forest Township feels that Frederic Elementary School is of vital enough importance to mention it in chapter 3 of our master plan."

When Board President Karl Schreiner announced the second reading on the proposed closing, Board Treasurer John Pilon asked to speak first. He read a prepared statement to the audience (text follows). He said it was fiscally responsible to vote in favor of the recommended closing.

Trustee Marilyn Rosi thanked the people of Frederic for coming to meetings to express their concerns. Past transfers have been successful, Rosi said. She added this transfer needs support

from parents so that it can be a positive experience for all.

Board Vice President Carol Ramaswamy echoed those sentiments.

Secretary Melvin "Pat" Nunn said he has real feelings for the community of Frederic but he agreed with Pilon that closing the school was the right thing to do.

Trustee Gary Pettyjohn said he had had no idea how hard this decision would be, but he couldn't live with himself if the board dug a financial hole "one we can't get out of."

Trustee James Tobin was the only board member who said he was not in favor of closing Frederic Elementary. He said the proposed closing would "cut the essence - the very foundation out of the community."

The roll call vote for closing Frederic Elementary was 6 aye, 1 nay.

Frederic parent Michelle Stanley said she was very disappointed with the vote and hoped the closure was for only one year. She also expressed the hope that the administration will work with parents regarding busing which concerns many parents in the Frederic area.

Stanley also said she felt the Frederic Elementary parents got a bit of a scolding at the meeting. She said it is not up to just the Frederic parents to help ensure the transfer is a positive experience. Parents of elementary students throughout the district should work to ensure the smooth transition.

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Deputy says he owes his life to the Sheriff



Photo courtesy of the Crawford County Sheriff's Office

Frederic Fire Chief Doug Pratt (in white helmet) and firefighter Jamey Owens check on the condition of Crawford County Sheriff Deputy Jason Alexander after his patrol car was rear-ended in whiteout conditions by a large tow truck February 4 on northbound I-75. This is the second accident of its kind in two years where a patrol car was hit while sheriff's personnel were out on a motorist assist. Also shown first to the scene were Capt. Art Clough, Undersheriff Shawn Krayes and Frederic firefighters Ken Halstead and David Pratt.

by Cheryll Rulley
Staff Writer

No one knows what would have happened had the patrol car 23-year old Deputy Jason Alexander was driving last week not undergone recall work in December.

For the second time in two years, a Crawford County Sheriff's patrol car was struck from behind while assisting motorists who slid off the road

during heavy snowfall.

At about 4:16 p.m. on February 4, Deputy Alexander was sitting in his cruiser on the shoulder of the highway. He had just finished writing a ticket for one of two drivers he was assisting near the 267 mile marker on northbound I-75, when he was struck from behind by a large semi wrecker. Visibility was down to just a few yards due to lake effect

snow.

"All I remember was all of a sudden there was smoke in the car, and glass... and when I looked down there was blood on my hands," Alexander said. The collision threw him to the floor of the cruiser.

The smoke Alexander described was not smoke at all. It was the fire-fighting powder built into a fire panel installed on December 11, 2002 to protect the gas tank of the Ford Crown Victoria.

Ford Motor Company began performing the recall work on police cruisers after 13 officers around the country died when their cars burst into flames following collisions similar to what happened to Alexander.

According to Ford, none of the cars which have received the

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It's hockey time!



Photo courtesy of Tom Wellman

An estimated 40 to 50 kids play hockey on the ice rink created by volunteers near the Grayling Middle School, but there are some problems with the location. Parks Committee member Tom Wellman would like to see a new rink built near the new city hall and the SeaBees have offered to build it.

by Cheryll Rulley
Staff Writer

The ice rink created the last two years on school property by volunteers is a very popular spot. Two or three times each day, 40-50 kids play hockey

there, providing a needed recreation opportunity for area youth.

Parks Committee member Tom Wellman has been heading up the work on the rink for the past two years and is proud of

the results, but he said the time is now to make the decision to build a new one on city property, instead of school property.

Wellman suggests the new

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Little Gypsy lives up to her name

by Cheryll Rulley
Staff Writer

Little did Dick and Jeri Selthoffer know that their little beagle would one day live up to her name -- Gypsy.

On February 1, Dick was out with Gypsy, hunting in the North Wakeley Bridge Road and County Road 612 area, near Lovells, when they became separated. Over the next six days, the Selthoffers spent hours driving the back roads and trails looking for their beloved pet.

Only 13 inches tall and weighing only 20 pounds, the dog was no match for the bitter cold temperatures and heavy snowfall Crawford County has experienced recently. Or, so the Selthoffers thought.

Missing Gypsy terribly, Jeri and Dick created and distributed flyers around the county. Soon calls began coming in from people who believed they had seen the little dog.

Some had even tried to talk her into trusting them, but she proved too shy and would run away.

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Photo courtesy of Dick and Jeri Selthoffer

Dick Selthoffer holds his little dog, Gypsy, who lived up to her name recently when she traveled all over the county for six days before being found.

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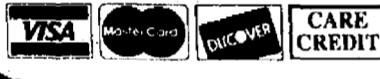
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Camp Grayling's 1438th mobilized

The 1438th Engineer Detachment (Utility), 507th Engineer Battalion, Michigan Army National Guard stationed at Camp Grayling, has received notification of a Presidential Call-Up in support of Operation Enduring Freedom/Noble Eagle.

The unit mobilized at Camp Grayling on February 10 and prepared their equipment for departure to their mobilization station.

Once at the mobilization station, the soldiers will spend about a week in processing before moving on to their duty assignment. The final destination of the unit has not yet been confirmed.

"We follow in our forefathers' footsteps, the original Minutemen, ready to deploy whenever and wherever we are needed," said Staff Sergeant Matthew Jody, 1438th Readiness NCO. "This unit has been

called upon in the past to support real world missions, and I'm confident will represent Michigan well, once again."

The 1438th EN DET has been deployed overseas several times in the past. In 1999, the unit deployed to Latvia for six weeks on an assistance and training mission with Michigan's partner state in the U.S. State Department's Partnership for Peace (PfP) program.

Parents offer reward to find son's killer

by Cherryl Ruley
Staff Writer

More than a year and a half after their 21-year old son was found shot to death on a wooded two-track near the Grayling Township Industrial Park, David and Kathy Piehl have still found no justice.

According to Crawford County Prosecutor John Huss, Shane Piehl was murdered in an Oxycontin for cocaine deal gone bad. But who put two bullets in Shane's head and left him lying next to his car on that breezy and sunny afternoon of May 29, 2001? Where is the murder weapon? His parents and family want to know.

"It seems like we are just sitting still and nothing's happening," Kathy said about finding her son's killer or killers. She

said it seems as though the case has just faded away from the minds of investigators and the prosecutor. "I feel like they are just blowing this off. I have not been hounding them, but they take their time returning my calls for updates."

She and her husband's memories of the tragedy have not faded. They live each day wondering when someone will finally come forward and tell the truth, and answer the many questions that have gone unanswered. "Not finding the answers and justice is killing my husband," Kathy said. "David is quite depressed and feeling as though the system has failed him."

Kathy has her breaking points, too, and struggles some days to get by emotionally. She said it seems like she and her family just exist, that they go through their daily routines, but really don't feel like they are living life normally since Shane's death.

Last year in May -- nearly a year to the date of Shane's mur-

der -- one of his acquaintances, then 41-year old Randee Craig Johnson, (also known as Panda) was found not guilty by 12 jurors at his open murder trial in 46th Circuit Trial Court. Kathy believes the prosecution may have rushed to trial before building a good enough case against Johnson to appease those anxious to see someone brought to trial. Johnson had bragged to friends that he shot Shane twice in the head because he wouldn't sell any of his Oxycontin, then later said he was just kidding.

Another suspect in the murder investigation was mentioned several times during the 2001 trial, that of Michael Bergan, who is currently in prison for stealing over \$100,000 from a local businessman.

He has not been charged in any way with the slaying. "Even though I know Mr. Huss has his suspicions about Mike Bergan, I don't want him to rush to trial without enough evidence to convict him," Kathy said.

To help gather enough evidence against whoever shot Shane, the Piehl family is offering a \$3,000 reward for information which leads to the arrest and conviction of his killer or killers.

Once the activities were revealed, Kathy had to ask herself many questions regarding Shane selling his prescription drug Oxycontin and over-medication himself. She said, shortly before his death, she was becoming concerned that he may have been taking too much of the painkiller but had no idea he was selling his medication or how deeply entrenched in the local drug scene he had become.

"No matter what he was doing -- and I won't make any excuses for him -- he did not deserve to die like this," Kathy said. "And we need to bring his killer to justice."

Kathy urges anyone with any information regarding the death of her son, Shane Piehl, to write to her at P.O. Box 991, Grayling, MI 49738.

Shelter kicks off annual campaign

For many years, the Animal Shelter of Crawford County in Grayling has strived to educate the public of the advantages of having their pets spayed or neutered. This year is no different, but it takes donations from the public to provide this very valuable service.

"As in the past, the period of

February 14-28 is designated to raise money using the "Have a Heart for the Animals" campaign. Many businesses in Grayling and around Crawford County have volunteered to participate in this fund-raiser and will be selling bright pink paper hearts to those willing to donate \$1.00 more to the cause. Donors will be asked to write their name or a pet's name on each heart purchased for display, letting the whole world know they care about the welfare of animals.

Proceeds from the Have a Heart campaign will help pay the cost of low-cost spaying/neutering for those pet owners who can't otherwise afford the procedures, as well as those pets at the shelter waiting for adoption. Shelter Manager, Dixie Lobsinger, said because the Crawford County area is depressed economically, many pet owners are unable to have their pets altered. As a result, many litters of unwanted puppies and kittens are born each year. Many end up at the shelter.

While the mission of the animal shelter is to save lives and find homes for unwanted cats and dogs through adoption, rescue groups and other forms of networking, many of them (especially cats) are euthanized when conditions become overcrowded and few people come forward to



welcome the pets into their homes.

Besides the benefits of reducing the unwanted pet population, there are health and safety benefits to having pets spayed or neutered. Male dogs and cats tend to stay closer to home -- and off busy streets -- once altered, and female animals avoid carrying litter after litter of babies. For both males and females, alteration lowers the risk of many diseases and afflictions, giving animals a chance for a longer, healthier life.

For more information about the Have a Heart campaign, low-cost spaying/neutering opportunities, or any of the animals up for adoption at the Animal Shelter of Crawford County, call (989) 348-4117 or stop by at 508-1/2 Huron Street in Grayling. To make a donation by mail, make checks payable to the ASCC, P.O. Box 384, Grayling, MI 49738. Help save the lives of many unwanted dogs and cats.

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Governor's 'Great Start' applauded by educators

► Granholm fails to address crucial issue of funding law enforcement

by Corbin Sullivan
Capital News Service

LANSING -- Crawford County officials see positive change ahead in education and environmental policy, while bracing for budget shortfalls following Gov. Jennifer Granholm's first State of the State address.

Granholm emphasized a need to push through the difficulty of dealing with a state budget that's \$285 million short this year.

"Only challenge produces the opportunity for greatness," Granholm said. "Michigan, we are challenged."

She blamed the Engler administration for budget shortfalls, but said her administration would do everything possible to ensure a balanced budget for the future.

"I will have to cut deep to do so," the governor warned.

Among areas where Granholm urged the need for change, she cited education as the most important if the state is to succeed economically in the long term.

"Good teaching is the key to

our economic well-being," Granholm said. "A cut to education is a cut to the heart."

Her education initiatives take root in the Great Start program she proposed in the speech. Great Start would emphasize education before children reach school age. The years from birth to the age of five are the most important in a child's future educational development, according to Granholm.

106th District Rep. Matthew Gillard (D-Alpena) saw Granholm's education initiative as a swift way to improve Michigan's schooling.

"Her program is one that can be implemented quickly," Gillard said.

He also mentioned much of the funding for Great Start would come from the private sector, so it won't create a drastic increase in state or local spending.

Crawford AuSable School District Superintendent Milli Haug was excited by Granholm's promises about education.

"I do believe she really intends to help us improve our system," Haug said. "I like the teeth she's putting into the truancy situation."

Granholm proposed the state not allow students to get their driver's license if they drop out

of school or are chronically truant.

Haug did identify some concerns that were not addressed in the speech, including home schooling. "I hope she covers the home schooling situation, because it's not well regulated now, and I think it makes it easier for kids to drop out."

The Crawford AuSable School District also faces the possibility of severe funding cuts in the next year. Haug said the best case scenario would be an 11 percent cut. That would take \$1.5 million out of a \$16 million budget for the upcoming school year. Some staff and learning programs will be cut, Haug said.

Gillard mentioned other points in Granholm's speech that could prove helpful to the Crawford County area.

For example, Gillard applauded the governor's proposal to strictly regulate out-of-state and Canadian trash that is brought to Michigan landfills.

Gillard co-sponsored legislation to tackle the issue of out-of-state dumping, which he said could be a future problem for Crawford County.

There is no out-of-state dumping in Crawford County currently because the landfills are not approved for as wide a range of waste as others in the state. As

other state landfills begin to overflow, Crawford County could see trash coming its way.

"It's an issue that can and will be addressed," Gillard said.

One problem in Crawford County that Granholm didn't cover was police support. The county depends on state police to provide part of its daytime and evening road patrol and all of the midnight police coverage outside of the city of Grayling. Some already see the coverage as insufficient, but more cuts could be on the way.

"I want the people making the cuts to realize the need in the northern counties," Gillard said: "It's the only road patrol in some places."

Grayling City Manager Allen Lowe agreed, saying, "This whole area is really underserved by state government and state police."

The Grayling area will survive further state budget cuts, said Lowe, but it will take creative planning.

"We're just about to go into our budget process," Lowe said. "We simply won't be able to budget for anything unless we know we have that money."

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Judge sends two-time home invader to prison

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

Circuit Court Judge Dennis Murphy showed little compassion for a two-time felon when he sentenced an Owosso man to 30 to 180 months in state prison for breaking into two Crawford County homes last August.

Eric Alan Atkins received his sentence on February 6 after telling Judge Murphy the reason he broke into the homes and took over \$2,500 in electronics, camping gear, power tools and other items was because he had just started work after being laid off and still needed money.

Atkins pled guilty to one charge of second degree felony home invasion at his arraignment last month in exchange for the dismissal of a second count of the same charge.

In a written confession to the Sheriff's Office, Atkins admitted he planned to take the stolen goods downstate to sell at pawn shops. He used a knife to pry open windows and screens to gain entry to both homes.

Judge Murphy asked the 28-year-old how he picked the two Stephan Bridge Road residences

for break-ins, and Atkins replied, "It was the spur of the moment. I saw the houses and nobody was home."

Crawford County Prosecutor John Huss said Atkins shows a pattern of felonious activity and recommended he receive a three-year prison sentence. "Maybe he will think about it before doing it again," Huss remarked. The maximum penalty for the crime is 15 years in prison and/or a \$3,000 fine.

Huss said most of the property was recovered with the exception of about \$90 in loose change and a flashlight.

Damage to windows and screens amounted to about \$200, but Huss said the homeowners are not seeking restitution.

Prior to the break-ins, Atkins relocated to the Grayling area and was staying with family members near the targeted homes in South Branch Township. Atkins got off probation in April, 2001 after serving 10 months in jail for felony breaking and entering downstate.

"Didn't they treat you tough

enough the first time?" asked Judge Murphy. "You got off pretty easy. How long do you think it would take for you to learn not to do this again?"

Atkins answered in a questioning tone, "Twenty-four months?"

"You have committed two felonies and four misdemeanors for a total of six crimes," Judge Murphy stated. "Do you enjoy spending time in court? Don't you enjoy jumping in the car and going to the movies on a Saturday night? You know you can't do anything if you're in jail. Why did you break and enter again?"

"I needed money to get a vehicle," Atkins answered.

"Everybody needs money," Judge Murphy said, "but, not everyone breaks into a home to get it."

Atkins learned his sentence and Judge Murphy added, "When you get out, you'll be 30. Then, maybe, you will be ready to do things right. Ten months didn't do any good; maybe 30 months will work... and you will serve the entire 30 months."

Counselor pleads guilty to impaired driving

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

Crawford AuSable School's elementary school counselor David Clyde Holzbauer pled guilty February 4 in 83rd District Court to the lesser charge of misdemeanor impaired driving, after Crawford County Prosecutor John Huss agreed to dismiss two original charges of misdemeanor drunk driving in exchange for the plea.

Holzbauer was stopped for speeding by a Crawford County Deputy on January 3 near AuSable Trail and M-72 West in Grayling Township. A roadside breath test showed Holzbauer had a .20 blood alcohol level, twice the legal limit. He was arrested for operating under the influence of liquor (OUIL) and taken to the Crawford County Jail where he posted a \$100

bond and was released.

Judge John G. Hunter accepted the plea and sentenced Holzbauer to six months probation and ordered him to enroll, within 30 days, with the Victims Impact Panel and Alcohol Highway Safety Education classes. He was also ordered to pay a \$100 fine, \$230 in court costs and \$50 to the Crime Victims Fund.

Holzbauer would have faced a sentence of up to 93 days in jail and/or \$100-\$500 fine and/or 45 days community service had he

been convicted of the original charge of OUIL.

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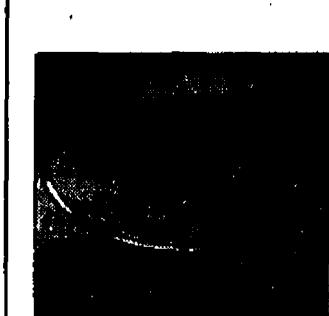
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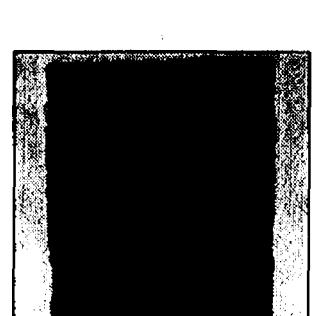
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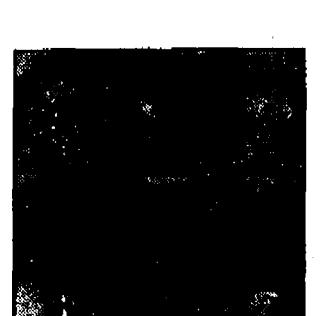
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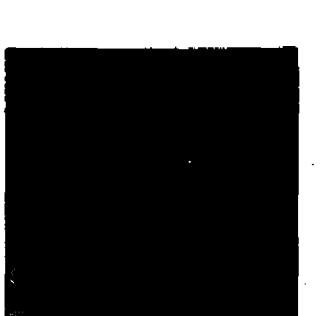
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ISSUES AND OPINIONS



ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

Get out your scissors and join the fun

GOVERNOR JENNIFER GRANHOLM has set the standards, and the game is on: How does state government reduce spending to fit inside Michigan's nearly bare pocketbook?

In the governor's annual "State of the State" message the other day, and in other public appearances before and since, Governor Granholm has made it clear she does not favor higher taxes to balance the 2003-04 fiscal year budget, which is about \$2 billion short of expected revenues.

The alternative she favors is to cut spending.

Another standard Ms. Granholm has emphasized in her approach to governance is inclusiveness.

In her reach-out approach to her job, she promises everyone has a seat at the table.

It follows then that she would love to have suggestions from every Michiganian on how to cut state spending and balance the budget.

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IN HER OWN initial approach to cut spending, Governor Granholm has made various proposals:

Call in 1,000 state cars, limit cell phones, cut out color copying, freeze new state hires, cut all department budgets across the board by some small uniform percentage, and turn out the lights in state buildings when not in use.

She even advised to keep using old stationery with former Governor John Engler's name on it until it runs out.

Reporters and editors at *The Lansing State Journal* got into the swing of things, too, with a two-page spread listing 100 ways to cut spending and raise state revenue which they claim would produce \$1.7 billion -- almost enough to balance next year's looming budget deficit.

Some innovative ways to raise revenue included sell naming rights to state buildings like sports teams do, issue a special "Budget Crisis" license plate, sales tax on movie tickets and a 10 percent tax on tickets to college sports

events, a form of "user fee" for Canadian trash coming into Michigan.

They also suggested rescind pending cuts in the state income tax, raise the beer tax and diesel fuel tax, sell the state fairgrounds in Detroit and Escanaba as well as the conservation conference center at Higgins Lake, higher penalties for tax cheats, continue the state inheritance tax, higher fees at state parks.

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MOST OF THE 100 ideas in *The Lansing Journal*, however, were ways to save money.

Leading the list was lower pay for top state officials -- getting top elected state officials to surrender voluntarily the 40 percent pay raise over the last two years.

That includes legislators, the governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, secretary of state, supreme court justices, and judges throughout the state.

Both the executive office and legislature should "set an example" by harsh budget cuts in their own operations, the newspaper suggested. It's always a good game everyone can play.

idea to lead by doing.

Other suggestions were to close tourist welcome stations and the state film office, eliminate funding for the state board of education, early prisoner release, provide three fewer holidays for state workers and rescind scheduled state pay hikes, take away state subsidies to Amtrak, eliminate the state racing commissioner and state subsidies for a variety of horse racing purses, and on and on.

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THE POINT IS that anybody can produce lots of ways to cut state government spending or raise more money.

If a handful of reporters and editors can figure out 100 ways to cut spending and raise money and almost balance the budget, surely the folks solving the world's problems at koffee klatches around the state every morning can come up with innovative ideas, too. It's a game everyone can play.

Getting budget balancing ideas enacted into law can be an entirely different

challenge, however.

Consider that the controlling Republican leadership in the Michigan House of Representatives decided their 62 members need another \$5,000 a year for each GOP member to run his/her office.

In the real spirit of austerity, we presume, they decided the \$5,000 per office increase applies only to Republicans. No Democrats allowed. The 47 Democrats will have to make do with \$97,500 to run their offices.

Ignoring for the moment the question of fairness, with deficits at hand in the current budget and potential financial disaster looming in the new budget, this action defies both reason and responsibility.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

VIEWPOINT

by Senator Debbie Stabenow (D-Michigan)

Hometown Defense: Supporting local men and women on the frontlines

When our nation first fought for its freedom, a group of patriots banded together in defense of their hometowns. They were called the Minutemen because on a moment's notice they were ready to respond to an attack.

September the 11th showed us that the tradition of the Minutemen -- and women -- continues today. Within moments of the attack on the World Trade Towers and the Pentagon, local police, firefighters, paramedics and public safety and emergency management officials were on the scene trying to save lives and minimize the damage.

They were -- and remain -- on the front lines of hometown defense in this new war against terrorism.

For the past several months, I have been traveling throughout Michigan meeting with the public safety officials who have been given the mission of trying to prevent an attack or being the first on

the scene to save lives if one occurs.

From the Upper Peninsula to Detroit, I heard the same message over and over: "Help us get the training, personnel and equipment we need to protect the people we need to protect, and help us meet our obligations in the face of these new threats to our communities."

And I'm sure this plea is being repeated by state and local authorities across the nation. Look at all we are asking them to defend: Almost 600,000 bridges, 170,000 drinking water systems, more than 2,800 power plants -- 104 of them nuclear -- 190,000 miles of natural gas pipelines, 463 skyscrapers, nearly 20,000 miles of border -- and that doesn't count the thousands of airports, stadiums, miles of train tracks, the food supply and schools that serve more than 285 million people spread out over 3,717,792 square miles.

To get our hometown defenders the resources they need, I have co-

sponsored the Homeland Security Block Grant Act of 2003. This proposed legislation would provide \$3.5 billion in financial support to state and local governments that presently are bearing the cost of increased security alone.

Of the total amount, \$2.1 billion will go directly to 1,000 counties, cities and towns that are judged most in danger of attack because of targets -- like nuclear power plants or fuel storage facilities -- that lie within their jurisdiction.

Almost \$1 billion will be awarded to the states with the obligation that they transfer that entire amount to their smaller communities where the threat of terrorism also seems large.

Finally, \$500 million will go to the states to help develop training and coordination plans, as well as better communications both within their state and across the nation.

There is certainly a global component to the war on terrorism.

That's why I supported a 10-percent increase in funding for the military in the Defense Department last year.

But, as 9-11 showed us, defense of our homeland begins right in our hometowns and I hope the Administration will get behind our efforts to give our modern-day Minutemen and Minutewomen the support they need.

Our homeland defense will only be as strong as the weakest link at the state and local levels. By providing our communities with the resources and tools they need to bolster emergency response efforts, strengthen local public health systems, and provide for other security initiatives, we will have a better-prepared home front and a stronger America.

Supporting our local law enforcement and rescue agencies in their new responsibilities is not only critical -- failure to do so could be catastrophic.

VIEWPOINT

Washington Notes from Senator Carl Levin

Dealing with unwelcome waste

Michigan is facing an intolerable situation with regard to the importation of waste from other states and Canada.

Canada is the largest source of waste imports to Michigan. Approximately 65 truckloads of waste come in to Michigan per day from Toronto alone, and an estimated 110-130 trucks come in from Canada each day.

This problem isn't going to get any better. Ontario's waste shipments are growing as the Toronto area signs new contracts for waste disposal here and closes its two remaining landfills. At the begin-

ning of 1999, the Toronto area was generating about 2.8 million tons of waste annually, about 700,000 tons of which were shipped to Michigan. By early this year, barring unforeseen developments, the entire 2.8 million tons will be shipped to Michigan for disposal.

Why can't Canada dispose of its trash in Canada? They say that after 20 years of searching they have not been able to find a suitable Ontario site for Toronto's garbage. Ontario has about 345,000 square miles compared to Michigan's 57,000 square miles.

With six times the land mass, that argument is laughable.

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality estimates that, for every five years of disposal of Canadian waste at the current usage volume, Michigan is losing a full year of landfill capacity. The environmental impacts on landfills, including groundwater contamination, noise pollution and foul odors, are exacerbated by the significant increase in the use of our landfills from sources outside of Michigan.

I have teamed up with Senator Stabenow and Congressman Dingell to introduce legislation that would strengthen our ability to stop shipments of waste from Canada.

We have protections contained in a 17 year-old international agreement between the U.S. and Canada called the Agreement Concerning the Transboundary Movement of Hazardous Waste. The U.S. and Canada entered into this agreement in 1986 to allow the shipment of hazardous waste across the U.S./Canadian border for treatment, storage or disposal. In 1992, the two countries decided to add municipal solid waste to the agreement.

To protect both countries, the agreement requires notification of shipments to the importing country and it also provides that the importing country may withdraw

consent for shipments. Both reasons are evidence that these shipments were intended to be limited. However, the agreement's provisions have not been enforced by the United States.

Canada could not export waste to Michigan without the 1986 agreement, but the U.S. has not implemented the provisions that are designed to protect the people of Michigan. Although those of us that introduced this legislation believe that the Environmental Protection Agency has the authority to enforce this agreement, they have not done so. Our bill would require the EPA to enforce the agreement.

In order to protect the health and welfare of the citizens of Michigan and our environment, we must consider the impact of the importation of trash on state and local recycling efforts, landfill capacity, air emissions, road deterioration resulting from increased vehicular traffic and public health and the environment.

Our bill would require the EPA to consider these factors in determining whether to accept imports of trash from Canada. It is my strong view that such a review should lead the EPA to say "no" to the status quo of trash imports.

Senator Carl Levin (D) is the senior U.S. Senator from Michigan

and sacrifice should be the obvious goals of great and small nations. We need to fix many of the problems we face as a global community, all too numerous to list. This mission was of a scientific nature, geared toward research and these positive goals.

Let us celebrate their lives and the many contributions of former astronauts. It is up to us to emulate such courageous souls. They are what America is really all about, raising the rung once again while reaching for the stars. They shuttled into space on the Columbia and their spirits are still there. We can see them every time a small child marvels at a shooting star.

David Olsen

Ramona, CA

Formerly of Shupac Lake Lovells

EDITOR

Evening on the Internet brings back old memories

To the editor,

I discovered the Grayling business list while surfing the Web this evening (February 8).

In 1950 and 1951, I was privileged to be a neighbor of Whitey Madsen while boarding at Mrs. William MacNeven's home. She was Spike MacNeven's mom. Little did I realize that Whitey would someday occupy the Editor's position at the *Crawford County Avalanche*.

The town jeweler, Floyd Davis, was my ham radio friend who lived a few doors away. Coincidentally, he sang at my father's funeral in 1964.

Having reached my declining years, I find myself surveying earlier and impressive years. Recently my thoughts wandered back to school days at GHS (Grayling High School) and my favorite teacher -- Mrs. Hansen of the English Department.

She had a unique gift of opening up shy people like me. Her

influence was most profound as she coached members of the annual Junior and Senior Play. Each night the curtain went up, we did our best -- not wanting to disappoint Mrs. Hansen.

Isn't this the idea, to be sought after in that honored profession? She helped implant and equip us with youthful idealism! No doubt my fellow students experienced a similar affinity with this dear person. She made us feel like she was one of us and we were somebody! She never talked down to us, even while exercising discipline.

Would be a unique experience and honor to correspond with old classmates via e-mail. I welcome also the opportunity of meeting ham radio operators from Grayling. My e-mail address is w6pss@aol.com.

David Olsen

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BRIEFS

Travelogue to visit mysterious India

The travelogue, "India - Beyond Imagining" will be presented by host Harlan Johnson on Thursday, February 13 at 7:30 p.m. at the Rialto Theatre on Michigan Avenue. Doors open at 6:45 p.m. Tickets may be purchased in advance or at the door and are \$7 for adults, \$6.50 for students and senior citizens. For more information, call 348-7146. The Crawford AuSable Community Cultural Events' Travel and Adventure Series is made possible by a partnership with Fick & Sons, Inc. of Grayling.

Student Senate plans pop can drive

The Grayling High School Student Senate will hold a pop can drive to benefit the Grayling Nursing Centre on Sunday, February 16. Donate your return deposit cans at the collection site to be located at Glen's Market in Grayling from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The community is encouraged to support this service project.

Local Gun Board cancels meeting

The Crawford County Gun Board meeting originally scheduled for Wednesday, February 19 has been cancelled. The next scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, March 19. For more information, contact the Crawford County Prosecutor's Office.

No downhill at Ladies Night Out

The Grayling American Business Women's Association's (ABWA) "Ladies Night Out" scheduled for Tuesday, February 18, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., at Hanson Hills Recreation Area will not include downhill skiing as originally stated. The ski hill will be closed that evening. Cross country skiing is still planned. Call Hanson Hills at 348-9266 by February 13 to reserve ski boot rental, if necessary.

Writers' group forming in Grayling

The Headwaters Writers' Group is now forming. Founder Cathy Lester said she is looking for local writers to discuss writing poems, short stories, novels, plays, monologues, and routines. Meetings will be held once or twice each month on Thursdays, Fridays or Saturdays. Those interested in joining or with questions may call Lester at (989) 348-8801.

Choir group presents 'Charlie Brown'

The Michelson Singers will present the Broadway musical, "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown," at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church, at 400 Michigan Avenue in Grayling, February 13-15 at 7 p.m. each evening. Tickets are available at the church office for \$5 each. All proceeds from the performances will help pay expenses when the Singers travel in June to Vermont for a performance at the von Trapp Mansion, Stowe Church and Burlington's city square. For more information, call 348-2974 or Director Howard Taylor at 348-5187.

Friends of Sheriff's Office forming

An organizational meeting of Friends of the Crawford County Sheriff Office will be held Wednesday, February 19 at 7 p.m. at the Grayling Township Hall. Any persons interested in forming and becoming members of this organization, whose goal will be to raise money to purchase needed equipment (such as a new patrol car) for the Sheriff's Office. Those interested, but unable to attend may call 348-8618 for more information.

Ostomy support group to meet

The Straits Area Ostomy Association will hold its regular meeting on Sunday, February 16 at 2 p.m. in the back doctor's dining room cafeteria at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey. All ostomates and interested persons are invited to attend. For more information, call (989) 821-5721.

GHS registration meeting planned

An informational meeting for parents of 8th grade students regarding registration for high school courses will be held Thursday, February 20 at 7 p.m. at the Grayling Middle School cafeteria. Parents will have the opportunity to meet their students' counselors, as well as the principal and vice principal. Topics to be covered will include curriculum, graduation requirements, co-curricular opportunities, and more.

Irish/Celtic group to perform at KCPA

"Gaelic Storm," an Irish/Celtic music and dance group, is returning to stage at Kirtland Center for the Performing Arts (KCPA) on Saturday, February 22 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$18 and \$16. For ticket reservations call the Kirtland Ticket Office at (989) 275-6777 or visit: www.kirtland.edu/kcpa.

Secretary of State closed for holiday

All branches of the Michigan Secretary of State's Office will be closed on Monday, February 17, in observance of Presidents Day and will reopen Tuesday, February 18 for regular business hours.

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Grayling Youth Booster Club

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Winner of \$100 for Week 1 (February 7) is Ken Allen of Saginaw.



Project Graduation begins pizza sale

Grayling High School senior students will be selling Little Caesar's Pizza Kits to help defray the cost of Project Graduation. All monies raised will go directly into making the lock-in party a success.

For some graduates, Project Graduation will be the only graduation party they will have. Each graduate can go home with prizes won, gifts, and fond memories of this night.

Project Graduation 2002 was held at the Grayling Armory, with 121 graduates attending. Each student received a party bag filled with free coupons, game tickets, small gifts and a T-shirt commemorating the night.

Committee members chose the theme of the Flintstones for the 2002 class, and decorated the armory with a cave, dinosaurs and the "Flintmobile." Each graduate attending received a T-shirt embossed with, "Yabba-Dabba-Doo... Class of 2002." The all-night, chaperoned party was filled with games, music, food, prizes and entertainment. All of this was made possible by contributions and fund-raising efforts throughout the school year.

The Pizza Kit sale will begin on

Public invited to discuss revision to forest plan

The U.S. Forest Service is asking the public to help revise the strategic management plan for the Huron-Manistee National Forests.

Forest Plans describe the desired condition for National Forests over a 10 to 15 year period. To participate in the revision process, attend any one of the public meetings scheduled this month or log on to the Forest Service website: www.fs.fed.us/r9/hmnf.

The Huron-Manistee held a series of "listening sessions" throughout the state in November to obtain comments regarding potential changes to the Forest Plan. At the February meetings, the Forest Service will share the comments they heard from the public and explain the revision process.

Public comments so far indicate the current Forest Plan is valid and requires only minor or moderate changes. Some management issues proposed for change include the Aspen/Early Successional Habitat, the Management of Fire, the Allowable Sale Quantity of Timber, and designation of Semiprimitive Areas.

The two national forests in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, the Hiawatha and Ottawa, are also in the Forest Plan Revision process; their efforts will also be discussed.

The goal of the Forest Plan Revision process is to formulate a management plan which reflects the needs and desires of the public. Public participation is critical to this process.

The upcoming meetings will be held 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. as follows:

February 18 at the Best Western Conference Center in Cadillac; February 19 at the Pleasant Plains Township Hall in Baldwin, and Chittenden Environmental Center in Wellston; February 20 at the Mio Community Center in Mio, and the Oscoda Library in Oscoda.

For further information, contact the Forest Planning staff at (231) 775-2421 or visit the Forest Service website stated previously.

Monday, February 10 and will run through February 24. Kits include all the ingredients to create and bake delicious and nutritious pizza, bread sticks and cookies in your own home -- anytime, day or night. All kits are individually wrapped and can be frozen for future use.

All senior students are asked to participate in this fund-raiser. Delivery of orders will be Friday, February 28.

Anyone who would like to order a pizza kit from some of the committee members, contact: Deb Helsel at 275-5759, Sue Longendyke at 348-4920, or Michele Bugyi at 348-2816.

Anyone interested in becoming an active volunteer for Project Graduation should contact any one of the three ladies listed above, or attend meetings held the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Grayling High School teachers' lounge. The next meeting is scheduled for February 12.

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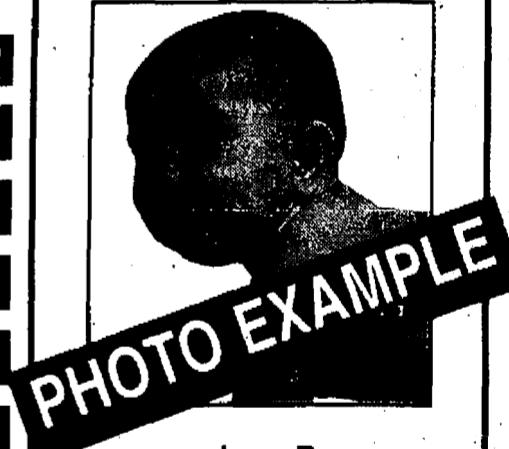
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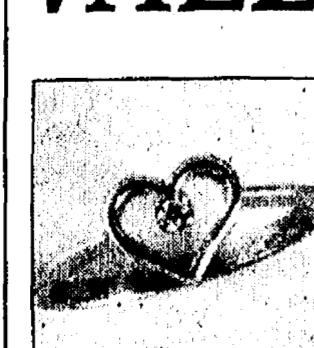
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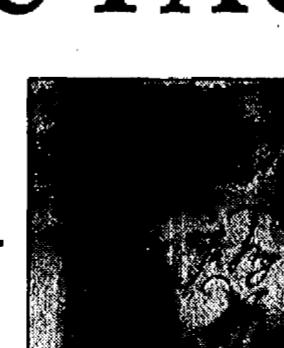
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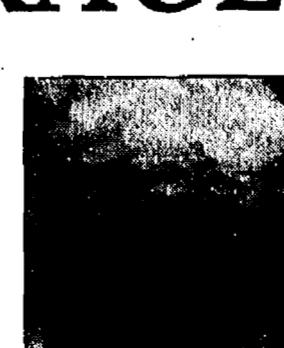
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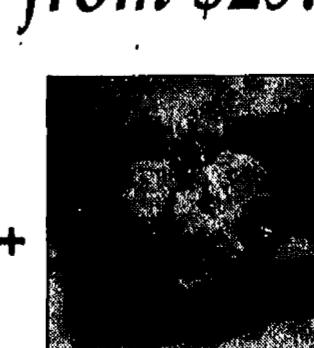
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Reagan's Fairness for God

Again we reference this review of Ronald Reagan's fairness for freedom, to quotes from Reagan's War: The Epic Story of His Forty-Year Struggle and Final Triumph Over Communism as written by Peter Schweizer. Ronald Reagan believed strongly in the fairness of the American people and even those behind the iron curtain to make fair decisions when confronted with truth. He said, "We have spent 170 years in this country on the basis that democracy is strong enough to stand up and fight against the inroads of any ideology," he said, "I believe that, as Thomas Jefferson put it, if all the American people know all of the facts they will never make a mistake."

Although he hesitated to criticize him, Reagan was uncomfortable with Senator Joseph McCarthy's approach of blanket stereotyping groups of Americans as known Communists. He believed "red-baiting" and "black-listing" of Americans was grossly unfair. Reagan believed our threat from the Communists was from their "tactics" more than their "ideology." He believed the Communists by masking their agenda "had fooled some otherwise loyal Americans into believing that the Communist Party sought to make a better world." Reagan believed Americans needed to take a more positive offensive and expose the evils of Communism by promoting our democratic principles based upon truth and freedom.

Reagan believed the Communists

were taking "advantage of our constitutional freedom to plot the death of that constitution. They are trying to operate on a 'can't lose' basis. For example, if we get so frightened that we suspend our traditional democratic freedoms in order to fight them they still have won. They have shown that democracy won't work when the going gets tough." Because McCarthy was fighting Communist ideology, Reagan said he was "using a shotgun when he should have been using a rifle. He went with a scatter gun and he lumped together fellow travelers, innocent dupes, and hard-core Communists." Reagan believed Communist ideology had no appeal to those free, intelligent, and strong, but rather to the ignorant, weak and neurotic. Reagan respected those Americans who later admitted they had been duped and used, then switched sides. He also knew many still stayed in the party out of fear.

Reagan had the same attitude of fairness and respect toward those millions of people forced to live under Communism behind the iron curtain. Reagan remembered the testimony of Whittaker Chambers about his bout with communism; how he overcame the fear of party discipline while watching his daughter sleep at night. He realized only God could have created the delicate features of her little ear. His fear was gone and he switched sides. Reagan became aware of the strong religious sentiment rest-

ing in the hearts of millions of dissidents behind the iron curtain. He supported Solidarity in Poland and did everything in his power to awaken the masses living under communism. As Reagan said of the communists, "But none not one regime has yet been able to risk free elections. Regimes planted by bayonets do not take root." Reagan became a hero to those behind the iron curtain not only because of his faith in God, but also his faith in the people that God created. Faith, freedom, and fairness are still our keys to victory. Pastor "B"

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State unveils cemetery database

The Library of Michigan has unveiled the new Michigan Cemetery Sources database, offering genealogists, historians, and researchers online access to information about cemeteries in Michigan.

The database, located at <http://michigancemeteries.libraryofmichigan.org> or www.michigan.gov/hal, identifies the location of over 3,700 Michigan cemeteries and lists sources at the Library of Michigan where the researcher can find the names of those buried in each cemetery.

The Library of Michigan has an incredible collection of

genealogy materials, one of the largest in the nation, and this database provides another tool for navigating those resources," said State Librarian Christie Pearson Brandau. "We are committed to improving access to genealogy materials and will continue to help researchers find information by making it available online."

The database is searchable by cemetery name, county, township, specific location and keyword. The record for each cemetery contains detailed information about its location and whether the Library of Michigan owns a transcription

of the cemetery.

A transcription is a listing of persons buried at a cemetery, taken either from cemetery records or copied directly from the headstones.

Transcription sources may also include sexton's records, obituaries, or other historical information.

The Library of Michigan will continually update the database as cemetery sources are added to its collection, and potential plans to expand it in the future include scanning the pages from transcriptions, with the publisher's permission, and linking each cemetery to an online map.

Gospel concert part of Winterfest 2003

Area churches, in conjunction with Winterfest 2003, are hosting a Southern Gospel Concert at 7 p.m. on Saturday, February 15 in the Roscommon High School Auditorium.

This concert is open to every adult wearing a Winterfest 2003 badge, and children will be admitted free of charge when accompanied by an adult with a badge.

Featured in the concert will

be Bay City's Dennis Gwizdala, a southern gospel singer, songwriter and soprano saxophonist. Along with him, the Sammons Brothers gospel group, out of Woodhaven, will perform.

Rounding out the music ministry that night will be local group, Brothers With a Vision, made up of Jesse Carlson of Roscommon, and two Assembly of God pastors, Brad Withrow of Gladwin and Lawrence Cook

of Roscommon.

Winterfest 2003 badges will be available at the door for the cost of \$5 each. Other items will be available for purchase at the door, such as Winterfest 2003 sweatshirts and hats, as well as CDs and cassettes of gospel music.

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Board votes 6-1 to close FES

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The following is the complete text of the speech John Pilon read at the Monday night school board meeting. He stressed these were his comments, not those of the school board.

"The Crawford AuSable school district is facing a \$220,000 budgetary shortfall this school year and a \$1.5 million shortfall for next year. The superintendent is recommending the school board mothball the Frederic Elementary School and send the students to Grayling as a means of starting the budget balancing process.

"Many people have contacted me from around the district regarding this issue, though

most have been from the Frederic area. Some people were very concerned for their children. They wondered if their special needs would be addressed or they were concerned that their children would get lost in the system in Grayling. I assured them that their children's needs would be met as well as they were at Frederic Elementary. I assured them that the children would not get lost in the system. Our district is just not that large or unfriendly where kids get lost.

In fact, the size of our district is somewhat the issue here: our district's loss of students is necessitating the consolidation of buildings. I, and the other members, take

"There were some who contacted me with concerns for their property values, their businesses, their sense of community or sentimentality. While I empathize with their concerns, the school district's first obligation is educating the children of the district. And that means running a district that is on solid financial footing.

"Even in good financial times, it would not be prudent to operate a building that is only being partially used.

"School board members have only two main responsibilities: setting policy on how the district is to operate and keeping the district financially solvent. I, and the other members, take

those responsibilities very seriously.

"I have listened to everyone's concerns. I do care about their concerns. If someone feels hurt over this issue, it's not because I don't care. But, I don't want to have a school district that shirks its fiscal responsibilities. I don't want a school district that digs itself into a financial hole that may take years to get out of. I don't want to saddle this district with financial obligations that can be avoided now.

"My vote on this issue is reasonable, sensible and responsible. I have to vote in accordance with the superintendent's recommendations. If it is the right thing to do."

Little Gypsy lives up to her name

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"We were overwhelmed with the amount of calls in response to the flyers reporting sightings of Gypsy. It got to the point that we could actually track her movements, but no one could catch her," Jeri said.

Finally, she was found Thursday afternoon, just before 3 p.m., three miles south of M-72 East on Chase Bridge Road -

- very far away from her Lake Margrethe home.

"Only with the help of people from the Saw Mill bar, the Two Track Inn, two lady postal carriers, the County Road Commission and Caid's Grocery in Lovells, we were able to recover Gypsy," Dick said. "It was a tremendous effort by all who helped including those who called and said

they hoped we would find our dog soon."

From the sightings, Jeri said they figured four-year old Gypsy traveled at least 25 miles over six days. "She had no frostbite or bloody paws. Our vet, Dr. (Wayne) Casler said she was in good shape, even though she had been spayed not too long before her disappearance."

She added, "There is such a

great amount of animal lovers in this community and people are just so nice. We just want people to know how much we appreciate their help and concern."

Jeri reports that Gypsy has been staying pretty close to home since her little adventure and probably won't be going out on another field trip any time soon.

City's ice rink may be relocated

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Wellman suggests the new rink be located at the site of the new Grayling city and fire hall. Construction equipment is already on hand, he said, and the location would remedy the problem of providing water to build up the rink each winter. The construction of a warming building would also be possible.

Because the current rink is located on school property, Wellman said the City of

Grayling doesn't want to invest money into something it doesn't own and the area now being used needs to be leveled. "It takes a month to build up the ice to make up for a three-foot drop in the current pond," Wellman said. "I can think of no better place than the new fire hall site for the rink. Whenever the rink would need a spray of water, it could easily be handled by a pumper truck."

The Crawford AuSable School

District is facing a huge budget crunch, so Wellman said there is no money there to rectify the \$30,000-\$40,000 problem.

Wellman said the SeaBees have offered to build a new rink, free of charge. "The initial construction would cost the city nothing and a warming house could be built." Wellman has approached the Grayling City Council on the matter but has made no decision in the matter to date.

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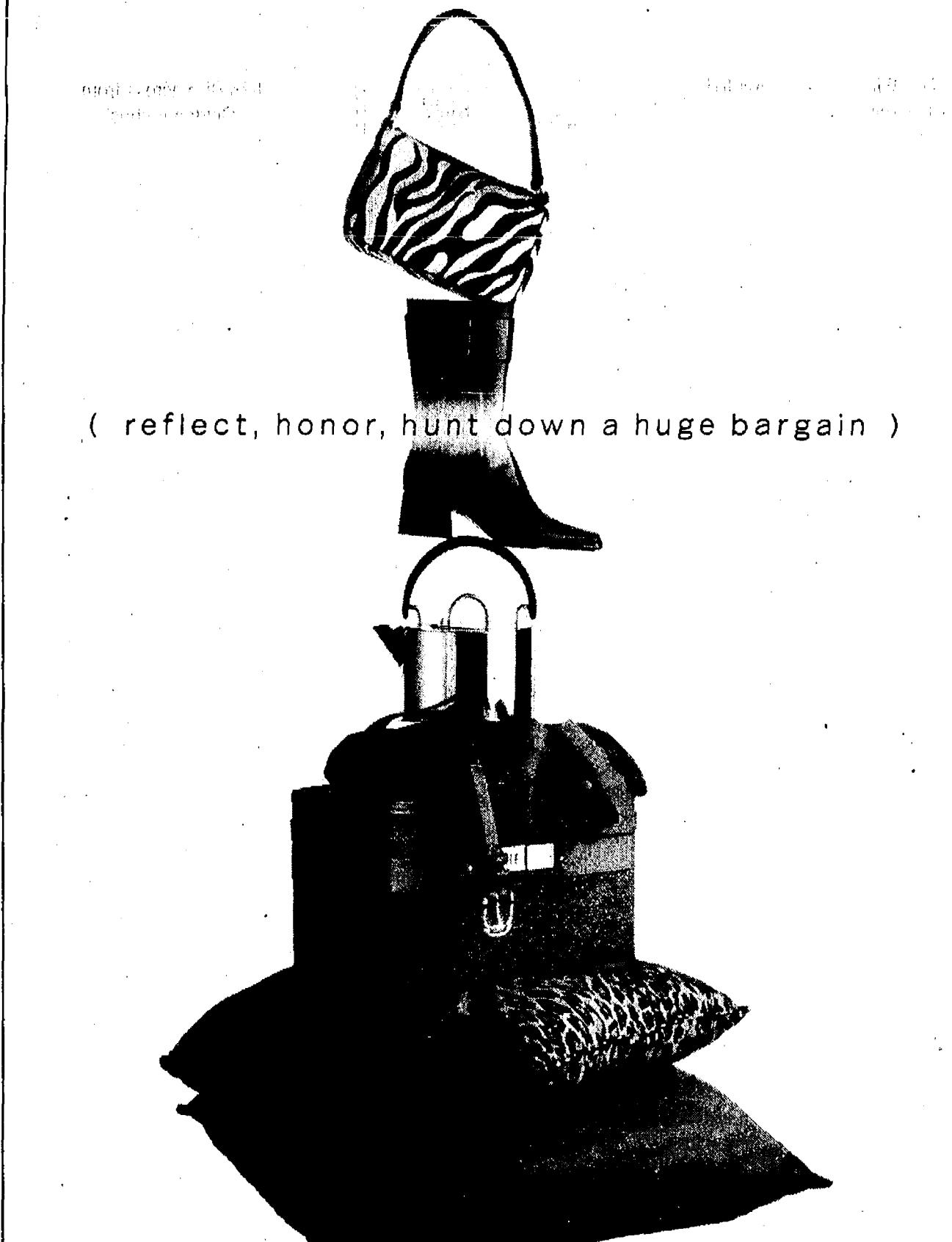
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Deputy says he owes his life to the Sheriff

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the fire panel installation have burst into flames or caught fire. "I really owe my life to the Sheriff," Alexander said. "He didn't have to have the recall work done, but he cares enough about us to make sure it happened. I am so glad to work for Sheriff Kirk Wakefield. I don't want to work for anyone else and hope I can retire out of the Crawford County Sheriff's Office."

Miraculously, Alexander received only minor injuries, though the patrol car he was driving was a total loss. He believes his bullet-proof vest may have kept him from breaking some ribs and receiving internal injuries when he hit the steering wheel.

Alexander has nothing but praise for everyone who came to his aid, especially Frederic Fire and Rescue personnel who used the Jaws of Life to get him out of his demolished car. "Everyone from Frederic and MMR were so professional and made me very comfortable."

Earlier in the day, Alexander and other Sheriff's personnel worked traffic control on I-75, just south of Grayling, when a semi-tractor trailer truck became disabled in the highway's passing lane.

Alexander said at that time he was concerned for his safety and others as the snow kept falling and traffic passed by. About two hours later, 51-year old Robert Peter of Ron's Towing in Gaylord, arrived to

take the semi off the road. It was Peter's tow truck that later struck Alexander on his way back to Gaylord.

Michigan State Police Trooper Matt Wilt reported Peter saw the flashing lights of the patrol car, but lost control of his wrecker, slamming into the car.

He was ticketed for driving too fast for conditions. Peter was not injured.

In another twist to the story, the driver Alexander ticketed ended up being an EMT who stabilized the deputy while waiting for an ambulance to arrive. Aaron Plant, age 26 out of Perrysburg, Ohio, was traveling north on I-75 on his way to his assigned duty station in St. Ignace. He is an active

member of the U.S. Coast Guard.

His driving violation was forgiven in light of his efforts at the scene and the Sheriff's Office has sent a letter on to Plant's commanding officer commanding the young man for his assistance.

Alexander said Plant "is a very nice guy" and helped out in the first moments after the crash and until he was extricated.

Deputy Alexander said he is doing fine now, is anxious to get back to work, and expects to return Monday, February 17. "I feel good knowing someone was watching out for me that day," he said. "And I am ready to get back to serving the people of Crawford County."

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46TH CIRCUIT COURT

Sentencings for January, 2003

Hon. Alton T. Davis

Todd Clark Harmer, age 42 of Grayling - Controlled substance obtained by fraud; ordered to pay \$60 to the Crime Victims Fund, \$60 DNA assessment fee, \$350 attorney fee, \$300 court costs, drivers license suspended for 180 days, and placed on 18 months probation.

Amy Marie Hart, age 30 of Roscommon - Probation violation; 80 days in jail with credit for 28 days served, discharged from probation without improvement.

Robert Allen Varco, age 34 of Frederic - Operating - OUIL/posse Third Offense; 180 days in jail with credit for two days served, ordered to pay \$60 to the Crime Victims' Fund, \$60 DNA assessment fee, \$500 fine, \$300 court costs, \$350 attorney fee, placed on 24 months probation and ordered to receive outpatient substance abuse treatment.

Hon. Richard J. Liedel

Patrick James Fisher, age 25 of Grayling - Break and enter with intent; 330 days in jail with credit for 180 days served, ordered to pay \$60 to the Crime Victims Fund, \$60 DNA assessment fee, \$300 court costs, \$500 fine, and \$350 attorney fee; vehicle used

it for 66 days served, ordered to pay \$60 to the Crime Victims Fund, \$300 court costs, \$350 attorney fee, restitution ordered in an amount to be determined, and placed on 24 months probation.

Hon. Dennis F. Murphy

John R. Ockerman, age 43 of Grayling - Operating - OUIL/posse Third Offense; 270 days in jail with credit for 18 served, ordered to pay \$60 to the Crime Victims Fund, \$60 DNA assessment fee, \$250 fine, \$300 court costs, \$350 attorney fee, and placed on 24 months probation.

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Hon. John G. Hunter

Matthew Rogel, age 37 of Alger - Alter or forge document; 90 days in jail with credit for one day served held in abeyance; ordered to pay \$60 to the Crime Victims Fund, \$60 DNA assessment fee, \$250 fine, \$300 court costs, \$350 attorney fee, and placed on 24 months probation.

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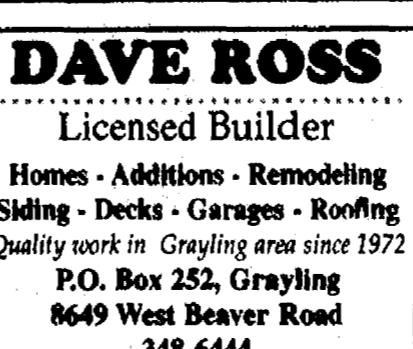
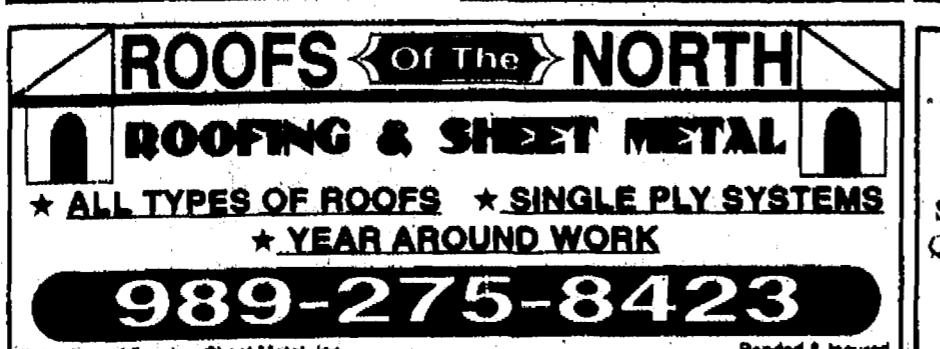
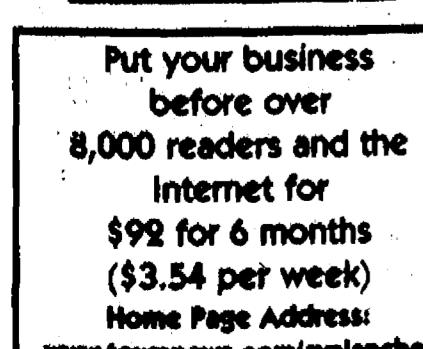
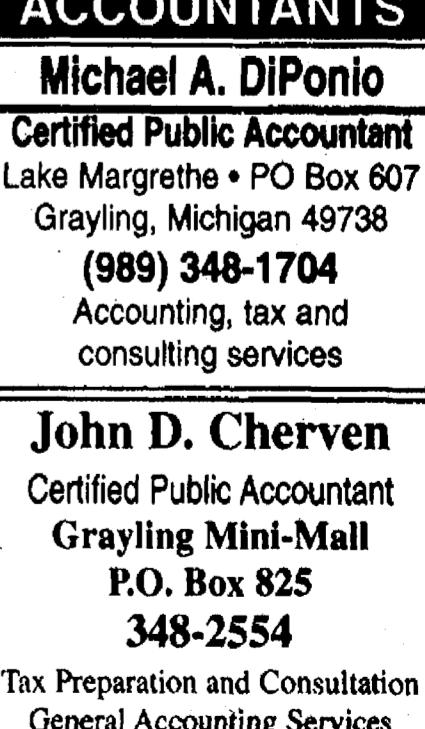
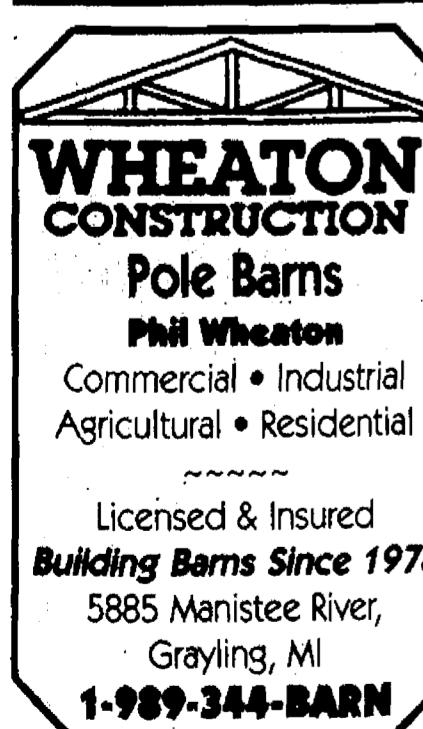
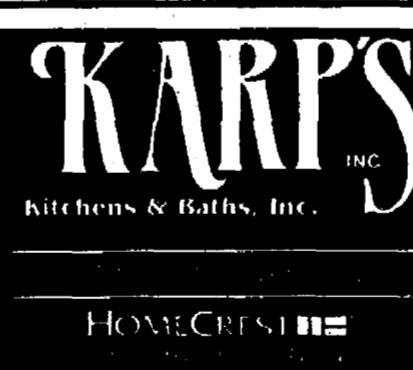
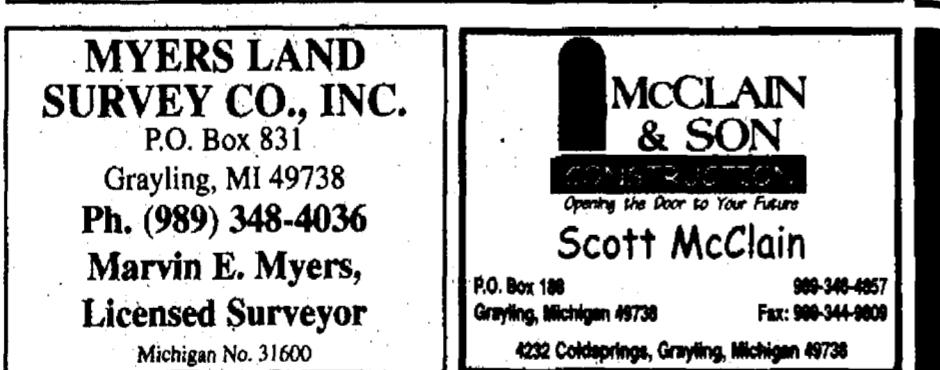
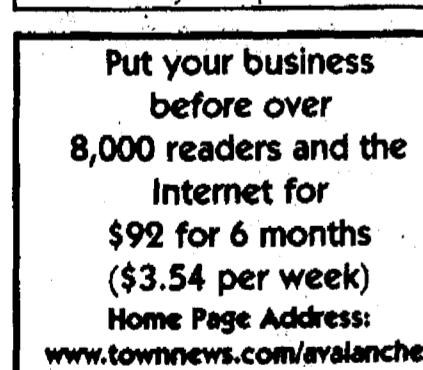
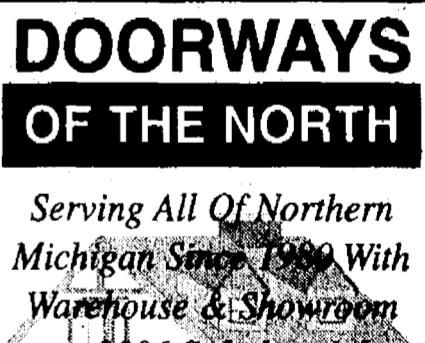
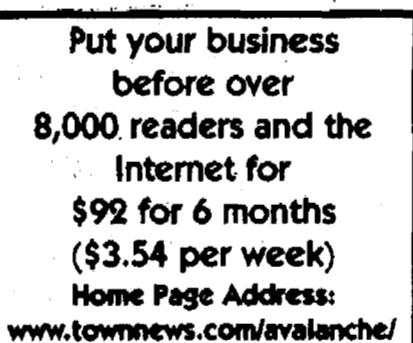
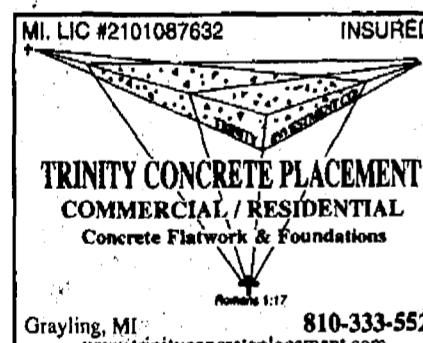
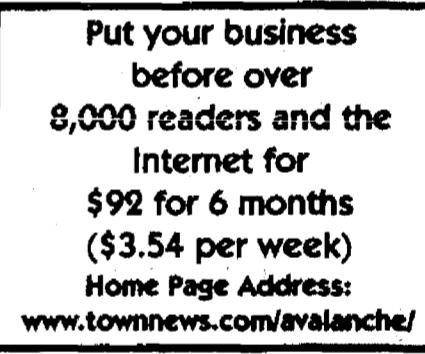
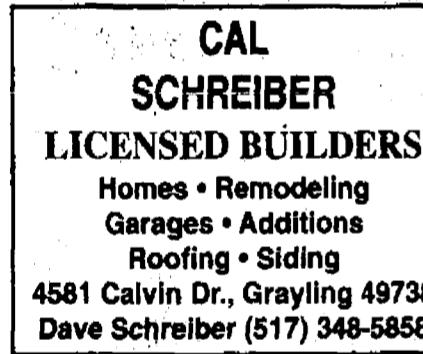
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Paving company wins national award

► Rieth-Riley wins national quality award; in running for more

The National Asphalt Pavement Association (NAPA) announced recently that Rieth-Riley Construction Co., Inc. of Prudenville, has won a 2002 Quality in Construction Award for excellence in construction of an asphalt pavement.

The company received the award at a special ceremony on January 15 at the Association's 48th Annual Convention in San Diego, California.

The Quality in Construction Awards recognize Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) pavements of excellence. "NAPA selects the recipients of its paving awards using a known set of standards that have been shown to give a good result," said David B. Carlson, Chairman of the NAPA Board of Directors. "This award demonstrates the high quality of work the HMA industry is achieving."

Rieth-Riley received the recognition for its work on an 8.5 kilometer section of US-127 in Clare County.

The company milled the four-lane highway in four days, then placed 22,500 tons of HMA in just eight days. It had to work around north/south weekend restrictions on lane closures. From start to finish, the project took just two weeks.

Additionally, NAPA said Rieth-Riley has been named a finalist in the 2002 NAPA Sheldon G. Hayes Award competition for excellence in construction of an asphalt pavement.

The company was nominated

for this award for the reconstruction of a 4.47 mile stretch of I-75 near Roscommon, a route heavily traveled by people heading to tourist destinations in northern Michigan. Under the terms of its contract, Rieth-Riley had to keep certain lanes open to traffic three days a week or face penalties for lane closures.

The company did everything it could to move the job as quickly as possible, including running several operations concurrently. Rieth-Riley completed the project ahead of schedule while achieving a ride quality index of 13.3. The company received 91.3 percent of the total possible for Quality Assurance/Density/Ride bonuses.

"I've been doing this work for 28 years, and I've never had a job that clicked like this," said Tim O'Rourke, area manager for Rieth-Riley. "Everything had to go right, and it did. We had four months of winter before this project started to prepare ourselves, and we built the job in our heads a dozen times during that time. When it came to actually making it happen, we were well prepared."

The Sheldon G. Hayes Award winner is determined through a two-year process. Highway pavement projects using more than 50,000 tons of HMA are eligible for consideration. Initially, they must win a Quality in Construction (QIC) Award, which is determined by numerical scores given by pavement engineers at the National Center for Asphalt Technology (NCAT) on the basis of how well the contractor met the specifications and achieved density on the finished pavement. All the pavements that meet a benchmark figure are given the QIC award.

The year after a project wins a QIC Award, it may be considered for the Sheldon G. Hayes Award. The top-ranked projects from each year are tested for smoothness, experience in the industry. This year, the evaluators praised the contestants for high-quality construction practices resulting in smooth, safe, and durable pavements.

The National Asphalt Pavement Association, which counts more than 1,000 companies as its members, was founded in 1955.

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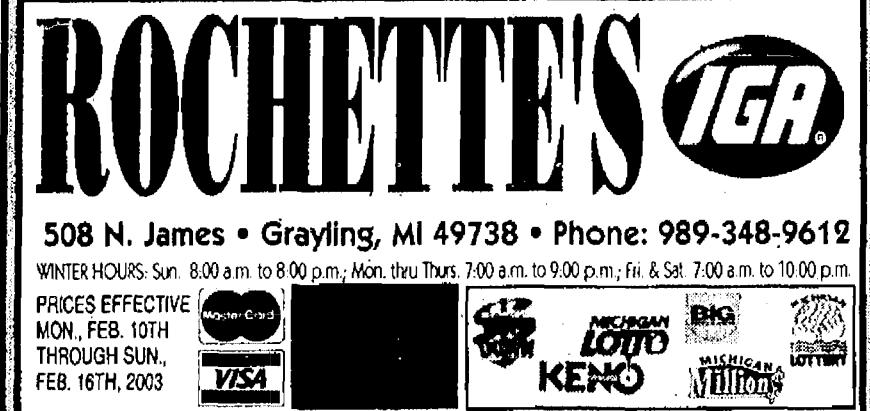
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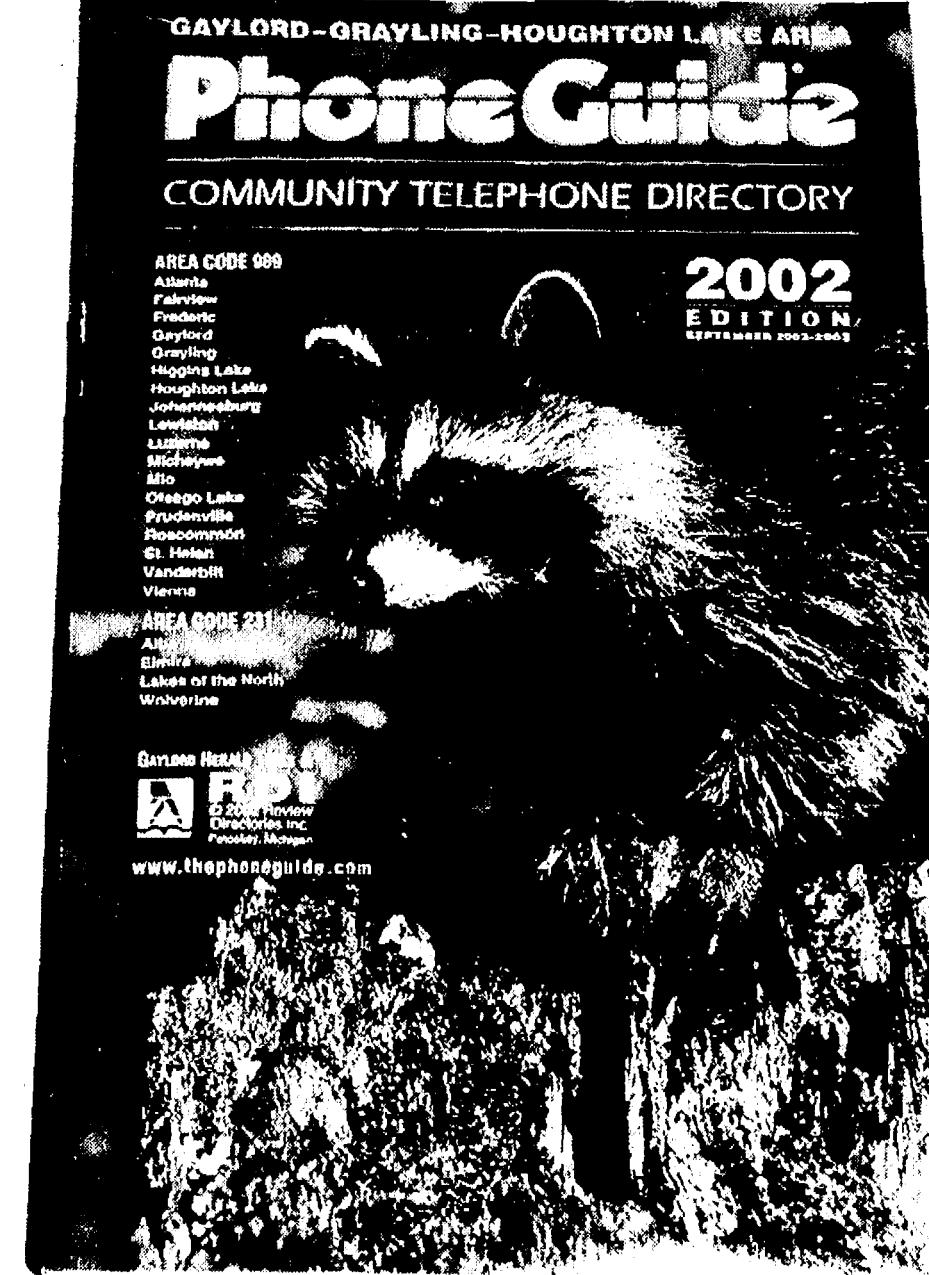
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Kirtland, Lake Superior State enter agreement

► Accelerated degree program now offered to business students

Kirtland Community College and Lake Superior State University have agreed on a unique articulation agreement leading to bachelor's degrees in business administration.

Students can complete their four-year degrees in either marketing or management through an accelerated degree program that allows students to take their first five semesters of credit at Kirtland and the final three semesters in a single calendar year at Lake Superior State. A public university of 3,200 students, Lake Superior State is in Sault Ste. Marie, less than a three-hour drive north of Kirtland's Roscommon campus.

Both college presidents, Dr. Betty Youngblood of Lake Superior State and Dr. Charles Rorie of Kirtland, signed the agreement with other college officials Thursday at Kirtland.

"We think this is a very important agreement for us because it allows us to serve more students by making it easier to transfer," Youngblood said.

"This will be a great advantage to our students," Rorie said.



Photo courtesy of Kirtland Community College

From left, KCC Dean of Instruction and Educational Services Richard Silverman, Dr. Charles Rorie, KCC president; Dr. Betty Youngblood, LSSU president; and LSSU Provost Bruce Harger sign an articulation agreement to offer business students an accelerated degree program.

"because it allows them to take all but the last year here."

Richard Silverman, Kirtland's dean of instruction and educational services, and Lake Superior State Provost Bruce Harger also believe Kirtland students will enjoy Lake Superior State because it will allow them to remain in Northern Michigan -- and at a smaller institution.

"Students can save a great deal in tuition expenses, which can be a financial drag at some of the

private institutions," she said.

Both college presidents, Dr. Judith Grenkowicz, Kirtland business instructor who helped negotiate the agreement, already has begun to advise students on the advantages of transferring to Lake Superior State. Kirtland has other such articulation with private colleges, where tuition costs are much higher.

The "five and three" agreement -- five semesters at Kirtland and three at Lake Superior State, is a first for both schools, officials said.

Kirtland and Lake Superior also have an articulation agreement for criminal justice students.

For more information about the business administration transfer program, phone Lake Superior's John Erkkila at (888)-800-5778, Ext. 2108, or Kirtland's Grenkowicz at (989) 275-5000, Ext. 219. Visit the colleges' websites at: www.kirtland.edu and www.lssu.edu.

Irish/Celtic dance group to perform at KCPA

A February 22 performance of "Gaelic Storm" is scheduled at the Kirtland Center for the Performing Arts, sponsored by Bank One.

According to Gary Carton, Director of the Kirtland Center for the Performing Arts, it is because of local business support that the Kirtland Center is able to bring national entertainment groups to the Center to perform for local audiences.

Nominated as "performers of the year" in 1999 and 2000 by

the National Association of Campus Activities, Gaelic Storm -- an Irish/Celtic group -- has garnered a huge following among college students from Hawaii to New Hampshire. A mini-documentary about Gaelic Storm airs regularly on cable and

satellite paid channel Cinemax, and the band has appeared numerous times on national TV.

Gaelic Storm has thundered onto stages around the world, astounding audiences with their explosive performance.

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Band" in the blockbuster hit movie Titanic, Gaelic Storm has proven they can keep the party rocking long after the credits have rolled. Their dynamic stage show features rousing, upbeat vocals, wild energetic dance tunes, haunting ballads and infectious madcap humor.

Featuring new songs, new attitude and new members, along with original members Steve Twigger, Shep Lonsdale, Stephen Wehmeyer, and Patrick Murphy.

Gaelic Storm will be in concert on February 22 at 8 p.m. at the Kirtland Center for the Performing Arts at Kirtland Community College. For ticket reservations, call the Kirtland Ticket Office at (989) 275-6777 or check out the KCPA web site at www.kirtland.edu/kcpa.

New nursing program to be available online

ROSCOMMON -- Kirtland Community College's renowned nursing program has marshaled its forces with two other colleges to offer a new "RN from LPN Online Program" beginning this fall.

The new program, the result of an alliance between Kirtland, Kalamazoo Valley Community College and Monroe County Community College, was approved recently by the Michigan State Board of Nursing and is available to LPNs who have completed prerequisite courses, said Kirtland Associate Dean Karen Brown.

It's a one-year program that is provided largely, though not completely, online. The three colleges received a grant from the Kellogg Foundation through the Michigan Community College Collaborative to develop the program.

"This program will enable many LPNs to return to school to become prepared for registered nurse licensure, many who would be unable to attend a traditional college nursing program," Brown said.

Interested LPNs who would like to learn more should watch their mailbox. All LPNs in Michigan soon will receive information in the mail about the program. It has been approved to accept 45 students each year, but will begin this fall by admitting up to 25 students, Brown said.

Kirtland selected for study

ROSCOMMON -- Kirtland Community College has been selected for a study as a model of exemplary practices in the engagement of service learning, college officials announced recently.

The results of the visit and ensuing study will be published and distributed nationally in a monograph of models of engagement for community colleges, said Nick Holton, who coordinates Kirtland's service-learning program.

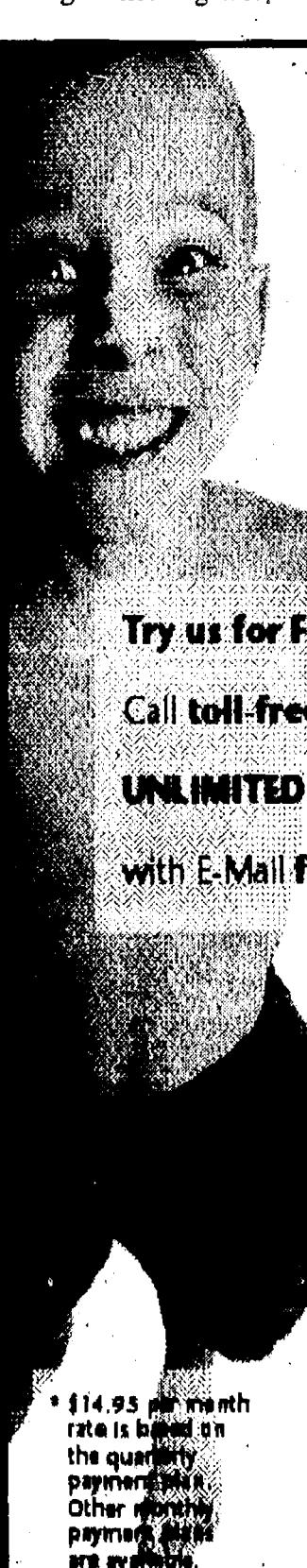
Service learning, Holton explained, involves the process of incorporating community service projects into regular classroom work so that not only are students learning, but they're doing something worthwhile for

the community, as well.

"You can learn to hammer things together in a lab," Holton said, "or, as part of a service-learning project, you can help build a house for the Habitat for Humanity, like our students at the M-TEC at Kirtland-Gaylord."

The National Campus Compact, headquartered at Brown University, in Providence, RI, will visit the Roscommon campus soon to interview key people in Kirtland's service learning program, including faculty, academic and administration leaders.

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OBITUARIES

Lulu Belle Zacek

Sept. 5, 1936 - Feb. 6, 2003

Lulu Belle Zacek, age 66, of Roscommon, died Thursday, February 6 at Mercy Hospital, Grayling. She was born on September 5, 1936 in McBain to William and Susie (Wheeler) Pollington.

The former Lulu Belle Pollington was married to Joseph Zacek on July 28, 1972 in Flint.

Mrs. Zacek, previously from Mt. Morris, lived in Grayling for 20 years and was a homemaker who loved to crochet, sew and watch television. She also liked to travel and play bingo. She was a member of the Grayling Moose Lodge.

She was preceded in death by her parents, William and Susie Pollington; two sisters, Fae Van Haitsma and Dorothy Bowling; two brothers, Ray Pollington and Harold Pollington.

Surviving Mrs. Zacek is her husband, Joseph, two daughters, Ruth (Marco) Dias of Clinton Township, Kathy (Gary) Erway of Flint, four sons, Billy (Lila) Canfield of Sand Lake, Richard Canfield of Hardyville, VA, Jerry (Cathy) Canfield of Richmond VA, Tim (Tina) Canfield of Elmira; 15 grandchildren; two great granddaughters; one sister, Ethylen (Harold) Anderson of Roseville; four brothers, Bernard (Ann) Pollington of Marion, Claude (Ruth) Pollington of Marion, Lyle (Alice) Pollington of McBain and Les Pollington of McBain.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, February 9 at Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Chaplain Karen Henderlong officiated. Burial was at Beaver Creek Township Cemetery.

Arrangements by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

John Hudaski

Jan. 10, 1924 - Dec. 24, 2002
John Hudaski, age 78, of Grayling, died December 24, 2002.

Military honors will be conducted Saturday, February 15 at 12 noon, in the chapel at Fairview Cemetery, St. Helen.

Arrangements Walsh Funeral Home, Roscommon.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 65 complaints the week of February 3-9:

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For Cindy Calkins from W. Jack and Kathleen Lund *Cake Mix Doctor*.

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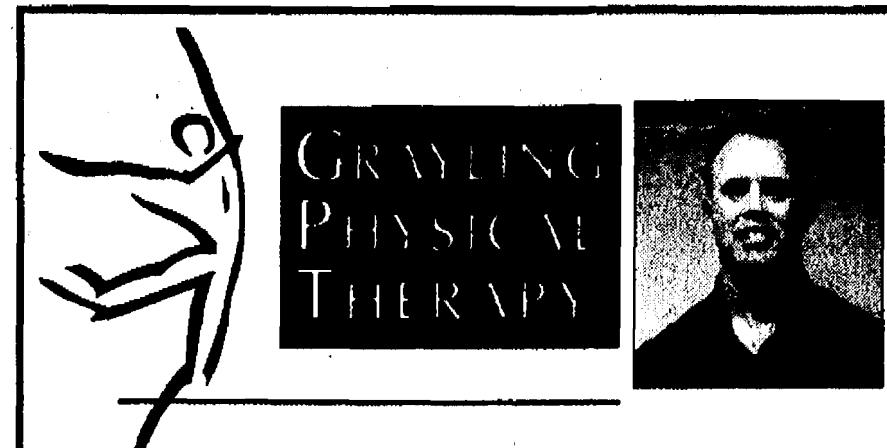
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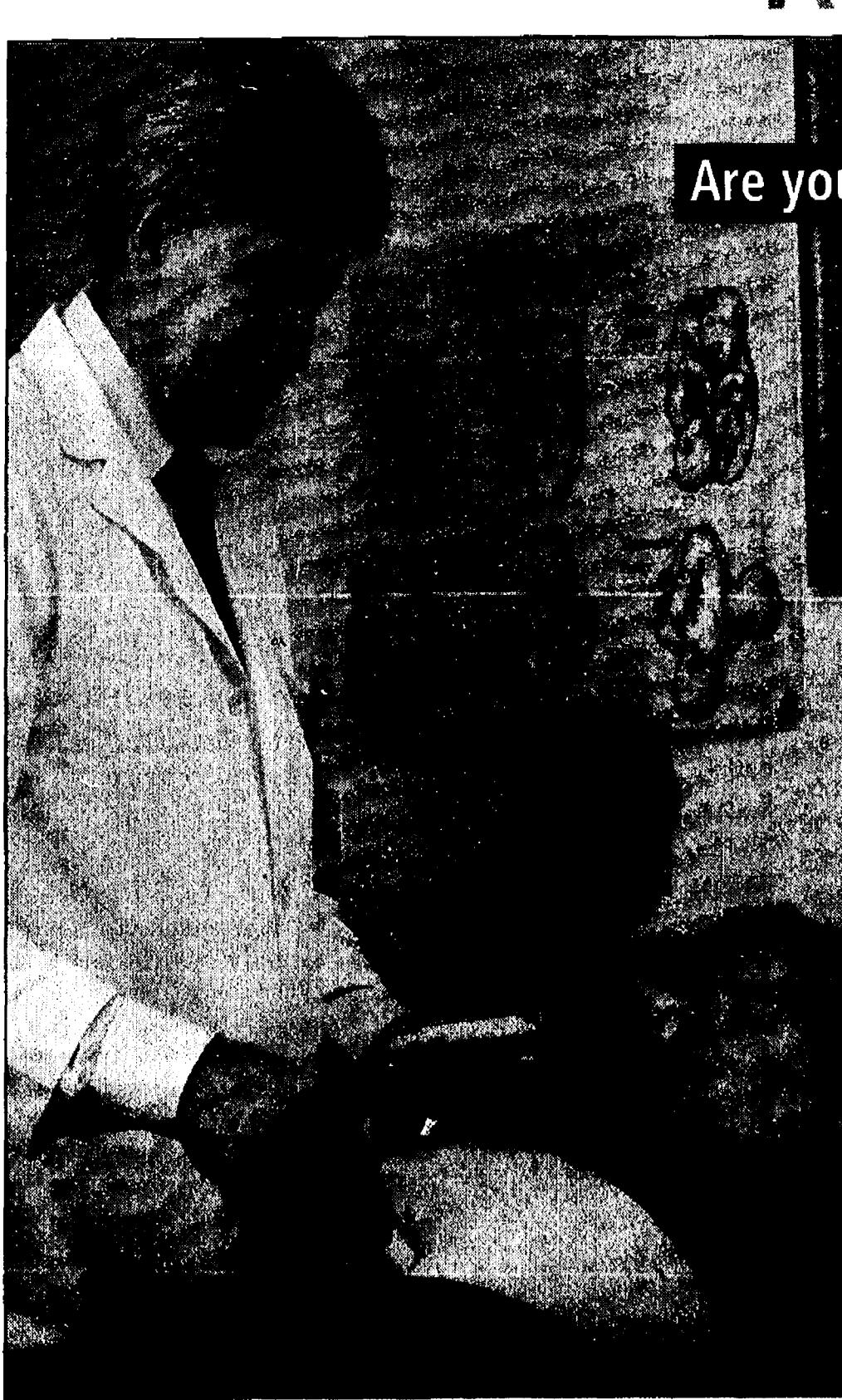
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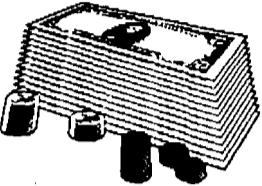
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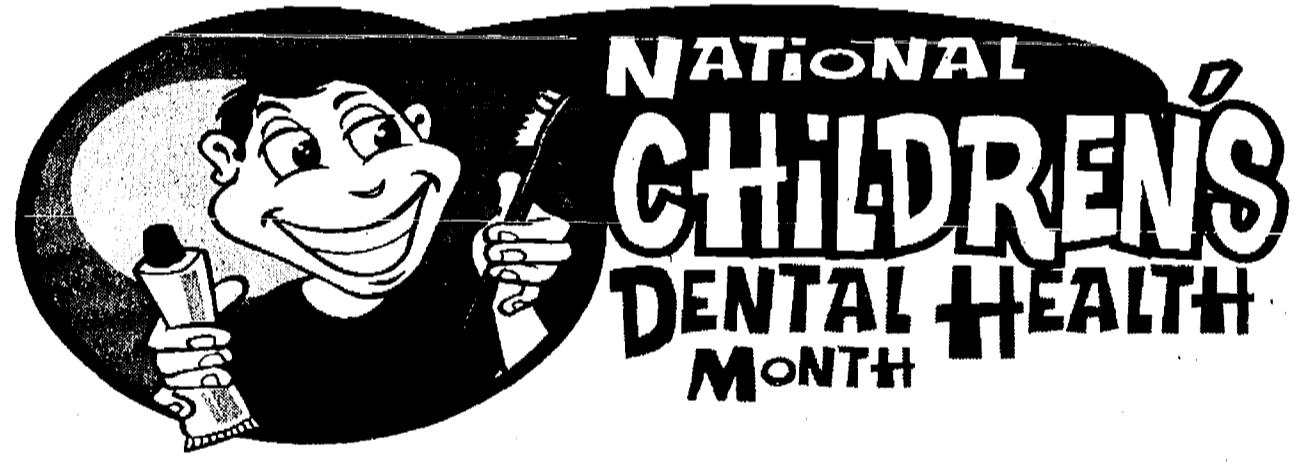
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- Talk to your child's dentist about fluoride.
- When your child's permanent molars come in, the dentist may want to discuss applying sealants if the pits and fissures in them are deep.
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MSP crime lab under new leadership

The Michigan State Police recently announced the promotion of Connie J. Swander to Laboratory Director at the Grayling Forensic Crime Laboratory, effective February 2.

Prior to her promotion, Swander served as a forensic scientist at the lab for 18 years.

As director of the Grayling Laboratory, Swander will be responsible for the administration of both the Grayling and Marquette laboratories, which serve police agencies in northern lower Michigan and the Upper Peninsula.

Prior to joining the department in 1985, Swander served as a laboratory scientist and medical technologist at Mercy Hospital in Grayling, W.A. Foote Hospital in Jackson, and at Addison Community Hospital in Addison.

Swander holds an associate's degree in medical technology from Elkhart Institute of Technology and a bachelor's degree in biological sciences from Siena Heights College.

Swander has testified as an expert witness approximately 180 times in her career, including during the May 2001 Piehl murder trial. She has taught various forensic science topics at Kirtland Community College, Northwestern Community College, Northern Michigan College and for the Midwestern Association of Forensic Scientists.



Photo by Cheryl Rulley

Grayling resident Connie Swander has already begun her work as the Laboratory Director at the Michigan State Police Forensic Crime Lab. She will now oversee the administration of both the Grayling Lab and the lab located in Marquette.

ious forensic science topics at Kirtland Community College, Northwestern Community College, Northern Michigan College and for the Midwestern Association of Forensic Scientists.

In 1992, Swander was the recipient of the Michigan State Police Floyd R. Bell, Jr. Civilian of the Year Award.

Swander said since her promotion, she has been busy getting to know the personnel at the

Marquette lab and learning the administrative duties of her new position. She will have to travel between labs, but said she is willing to do whatever needs to be done to keep services running smoothly.

Gillard: It's time to get down to business

► Rep. Gillard would like to hear from 106th District constituents

LANSING - Michigan State Representative Matt Gillard (D-Alpena) announced January 29 that session for the Michigan House of Representatives is officially under way.

The House meets at 1 p.m. on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and at 10 a.m. on Thursdays. Gillard represents the 106th District, which includes Alpena, Alcona, Crawford, Montmorency, Oscoda and Presque Isle counties.

"It's time to roll up our sleeves and get down to business," said Gillard, who has been named the Democratic Vice Chair of the House Conservation & Outdoor Recreation Committee.

"It's time to make sure that the legislature looks out for the best

interests of northern Michigan. It's time to fight to keep the jobs we already have and bring new jobs to northern Michigan.

"I believe that one of my most important jobs as your state representative is keeping you informed," said Gillard. "I also believe that I cannot do my job to the best of my ability if I do not hear from you. I hope that this toll-free number will help keep the lines of communication open, which will help me in fighting for the best interests of northern Michigan."

1-866-MATT-106 (1-866-628-8106).

"It's time to ensure that every northern Michigan worker who has lost his or her job through no fault of their own sees an increase in unemployment benefits. It's time to fight to make sure that prescription drugs are affordable for northern Michigan seniors."

Gillard also announced that his new toll-free telephone number is up and running. He can be

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Nunn will not seek re-election

by Susan Warrington
Staff Writer

Melvin "Pat" Nunn, former principal of Frederic Elementary, has decided not to run for the Crawford AuSable School Board when his current term expires in June 2003.

He had been an elementary

principal in the district for 19 years when he retired in June 1999.

He was immediately elected to district school board where he has been serving for the last four years.

He believes that while he is on the school board he has an

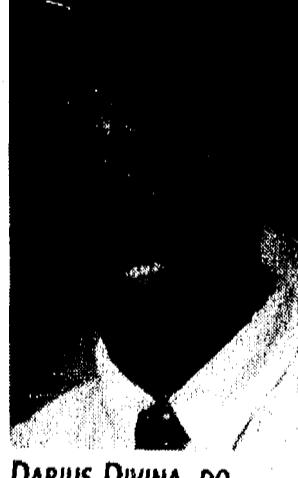
obligation to be an informed board member and attend all meetings in addition to doing whatever committee work is necessary.

Now that his wife, Nancy, has also retired, they plan to travel more extensively than they have been able to in the past.

NEW ORTHOPEDIC SURGEONS JOIN MERCY HOSPITAL GRAYLING

Darius A. Divina, DO, is joining the staff of Mercy Hospital Grayling as a specialist in Orthopedic Surgery. A graduate of the Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine, Dr. Divina completed his residency in Orthopedic Surgery at Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital in Pontiac, MI.

ANNOUNCING



DARIUS DIVINA, DO

Dr. Divina is joining Joseph R. Yacisen, DO, and the AuSable Sports Medicine and Joint Center. The main office for the practice is now under construction in Grayling.



JOSEPH YACISEN, DO

In addition to Grayling office hours, both physicians will be seeing patients at the Mercy Family Care offices in Prudenville and Roscommon. Until the new Grayling office is ready, Grayling appointments will be offered at the Mercy Hospital Grayling Specialty Clinic.

For an appointment at any of the locations, call AuSable Sports Medicine and Joint Center, PC, at (989) 344-BONE.

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Jobless can now file for benefits online

Michigan's jobless workers can now cut through the unemployment line by going online to file claims for unemployment benefits.

Jobless Michigan workers can now apply for unemployment benefits through the Internet by visiting the Bureau of Workers' & Unemployment Compensation (BW&UC) web site at www.michigan.gov/bwuc. The web site is accepting new and additional unemployment claims.

"Filing for unemployment benefits through the Internet is a tremendous convenience to jobless workers," David A. Plawecki, acting BW&UC director said. "Filing online requires only minutes and can be done from the comfort of one's home or from any computer with access to the Internet."

Plawecki estimates that on average, the online application

process will take jobless workers between 30 to 45 minutes to successfully complete.

The bureau will accept online applications for unemployment benefits five days a week, Monday through Friday, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., and during holidays that fall on weekdays.

To file a new claim for benefits online, unemployed workers must meet the following conditions:

- Have worked for only one employer during the last 18 months;
- Have worked under only one Social Security number during the past 18 months;
- Have not filed a claim for unemployment benefits against another state during the past 12 months; and

• Want their claim to begin with the week in which it is filed.

Those filing an additional

claim must have an existing benefit year and a balance remaining on their original unemployment claim.

An additional unemployment claim is one filed by a worker to re-establish eligibility for benefits after an interruption in payments due to a return to work.

Those applying for unemployment benefits online are still required to register for employment, if they are not returning to work within 120 days. They register by visiting their local Michigan Works! service center to file their resume with the Michigan Talent Bank.

When using the online process for filing an unemployment claim, Plawecki advised that users have the following information on hand:

- Their Social Security numbers;
- A PIN used to call MARVIN

for an existing or previous claim, or a driver license or state ID number;

- Their complete address, including zip code;
- A telephone number;
- County of residence;
- For those who are not U.S. citizens or nationals, an alien registration number and the expiration date for the work authorization are needed; and

- For their employer over the last 18 months - name and address; last day of work; and earnings for each calendar quarter during the last 18 months.

The web site uses an interactive application for unemployment benefits. Jobless workers will be prompted to answer a series of questions as the bureau collects the information needed to establish a claim.

The bureau has allowed limited use of Internet filed claims since November to test the process. By January 20, the web site had successfully accepted and processed over 3,000 unemployment claims.

Plawecki noted that the bureau has made its claims taking web site as secure as possible to prevent unauthorized individuals from gaining access to its unemployment claims database.

The Bureau of Workers' & Unemployment Compensation is a bureau within the Michigan Department of Consumer & Industry Services, the state's primary licensing and regulatory department.

HONORS

Adrian College

Colby G. Davis of Grayling, was named to Adrian College's Dean's List for the 2002 Fall Semester. She is a junior majoring in Psychology. She is the daughter of Alton and Sandra Davis.

Kenyon College

Regina B. Rosi of Grayling, was named to Kenyon College's Merit List for the first semester of the 2002-03 academic year. She is a first-year student. She is the daughter of Marilyn and Tomlin Rosi.

HOMETOWN NEWS

Perry D'Amour, a 1980 Grayling High School graduate, recently was one of 45 graduates to receive his MBA from Webster University in Phoenix, Arizona.

In attendance were his wife Nancy and two children, Ryan and Lauren.

Perry is currently the Purchasing Manager for Bebout Concrete, Inc., with operations in Phoenix and Las Vegas. He is the son of Leon and Jackie D'Amour of Grayling.

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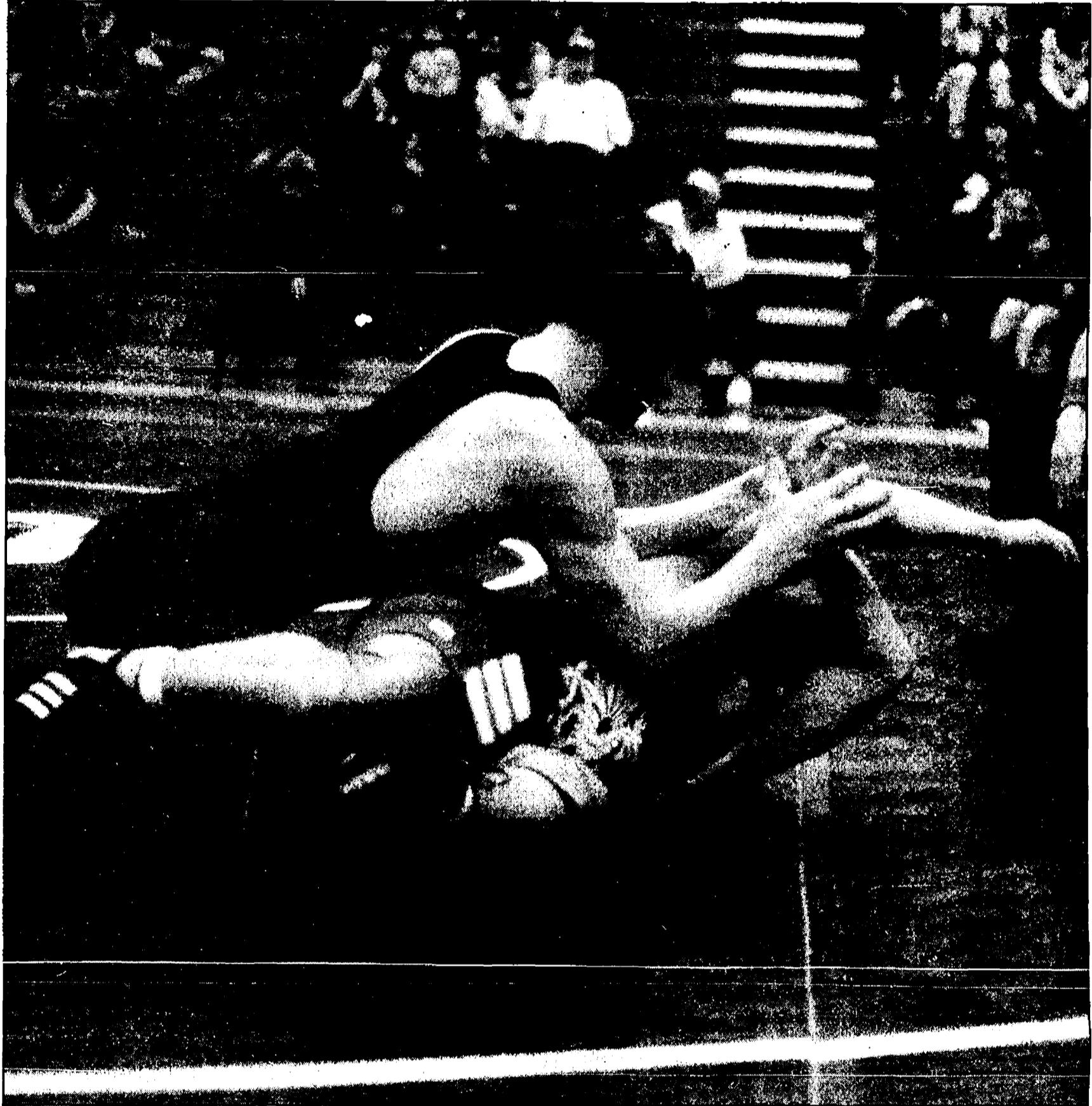


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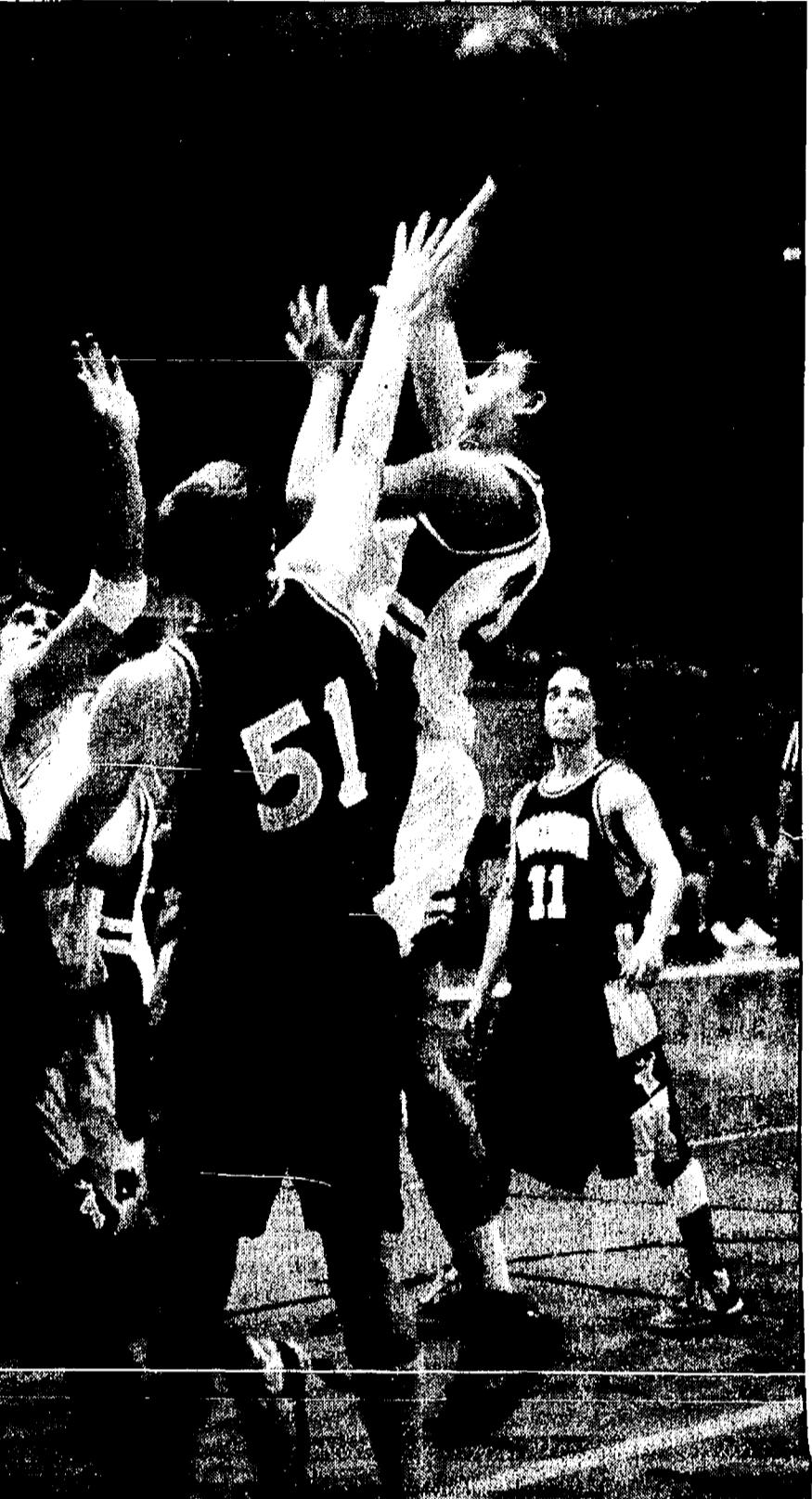
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Wrestlers defeat Blazers



GHS wrestler Adam Malone (top) grapples with a Kalkaska opponent in a meet in Grayling last Thursday. The Vikings defeated Kalkaska 57-15. For more on the wrestling team, see Page 2B.

Vikings fall to Bucks, Bobcats



Roy Czapek goes up for a shot inside in the Grayling vs. Roscommon varsity boys basketball game last Wednesday. The Bucks won the game. For more on the varsity boys basketball team, see Page 5B.

Ski teams finish 2nd in league

► Grayling ends conference season with Central Alpine Ski Meet

The GHS boys and girls ski teams both finished second in the League Championship Meet last week and finished the season in second place in the Central Alpine Ski Conference. Mt. Pleasant won both league titles.

The boys team scores at the league championship meet were: Mt. Pleasant 35, Grayling 66, Clare 121, Harrison 148, Roscommon

161, and Farwell 195. The girls competition scores were nearly the same, with Mt. Pleasant at 31, Grayling 63, Clare 112, Roscommon 124, Harrison 130, and Farwell 228.

Grayling's boys team picked up six league medals in the meet with Pat McNally leading the way with a 6th place finish in slalom and 7th place in giant slalom (GS). Trevor Clough took 2nd in slalom and 12th in GS.

Jon Handy placed 8th in both races. Jim Jansen was 10th in slalom and 13th in GS. Eric Hunter finished 12th and 14th. Anthony Neal took 17th in slalom and Adam Gilbert was

20th in GS.

Grayling's girls team also picked up six league medals. Heather Vandecar led the team with a 2nd place finish in slalom and a 5th in GS. Mallory Olson placed 5th and 7th. Andria Alvarez placed 6th and 8th.

Jill Seager was 16th and 14th. Kassie McClain placed 21st and 19th. Jessica Thomson finished 29th in GS and disqualified in slalom.

All-league selections were announced after the meet. Grayling's ski team had 10 first team all-conference selections and five second team selections.

First team all-league slalom honors went to Alvarez, Olson, Vandecar, Clough, and Handy. First team giant slalom spots were won by Alvarez, Olson, Clough, Jansen, and McNally.

Second team all-league slalom honorees include Hunter, Jansen, and McNally. Second team giant slalom all-conference spots went to Vandecar and Handy.

All-league honors are based on using 70 percent of the league's races for each skier and comparing points.

The Vikings will ski against 20 other schools at Regionals at Crystal Mountain on Thursday, February 13.



GHS ski team all-league honorees for 2003: (front, L to R) James Jansen, Trevor Clough, Eric Hunter; (back, L to R) Mallory Olson, Patrick McNally, Heather Vandecar, Andria Alvarez, Jon Handy.

Grayling hosts volleyball tourney



Jamie Zelek handles a ball for Grayling in the Subway Invitational varsity girls volleyball tournament at GHS on Saturday. For more on the event, see Page 3B.

CONTAMINATED INJECTION USED TO TREAT PAIN RECALLED

Meningitis linked to injections

Portage Pharmacy (Innovative Professional Services) recalled its compounded pain medicine, methylprednisolone, in June 2002 because of bacterial and mold contamination. As many as 790 vials were distributed to clinics and hospitals throughout Michigan. Patients may develop fungal meningitis that could be life-threatening. Contact Duffus & Melvin if you have experienced any adverse effects associated with a pain injection or to receive additional information.

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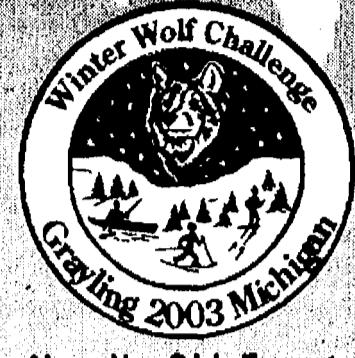
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For more information on these and other events at Hanson Hills check us out on the web at www.hansonhills.org or call 981-2196



The 2002-03 Grayling High School wrestling team: (front, left to right) Joel Wilson, Jessie Mooneyham, Brian Borchers, Emily Harvey, Doug Webb, Adam Malone; (middle, left to right) James Walker, Greg Warren, Tom Barnett, Dustin Partello, Darryl Babbitt, Jesse CdeBaca, Jeremy Handrich, Chuck Woodman; (back, left to right) Coach Don Ferguson, Coach Matt Tonella, Travis Brush, Mike Gassman, Aaron Rosecrans, Brandon Pratt, Don Starks, Justin Robinson, Joe Ferrigan, Coach Mike Hopkins, Coach Bill Rosecrans.

Wrestlers finish 3rd at NEMC meet

► Six Vikings earn medals at final league meet of the season

Grayling High School's varsity wrestling team placed third overall at the North East Michigan Conference Meet at Bay City John Glenn on Saturday.

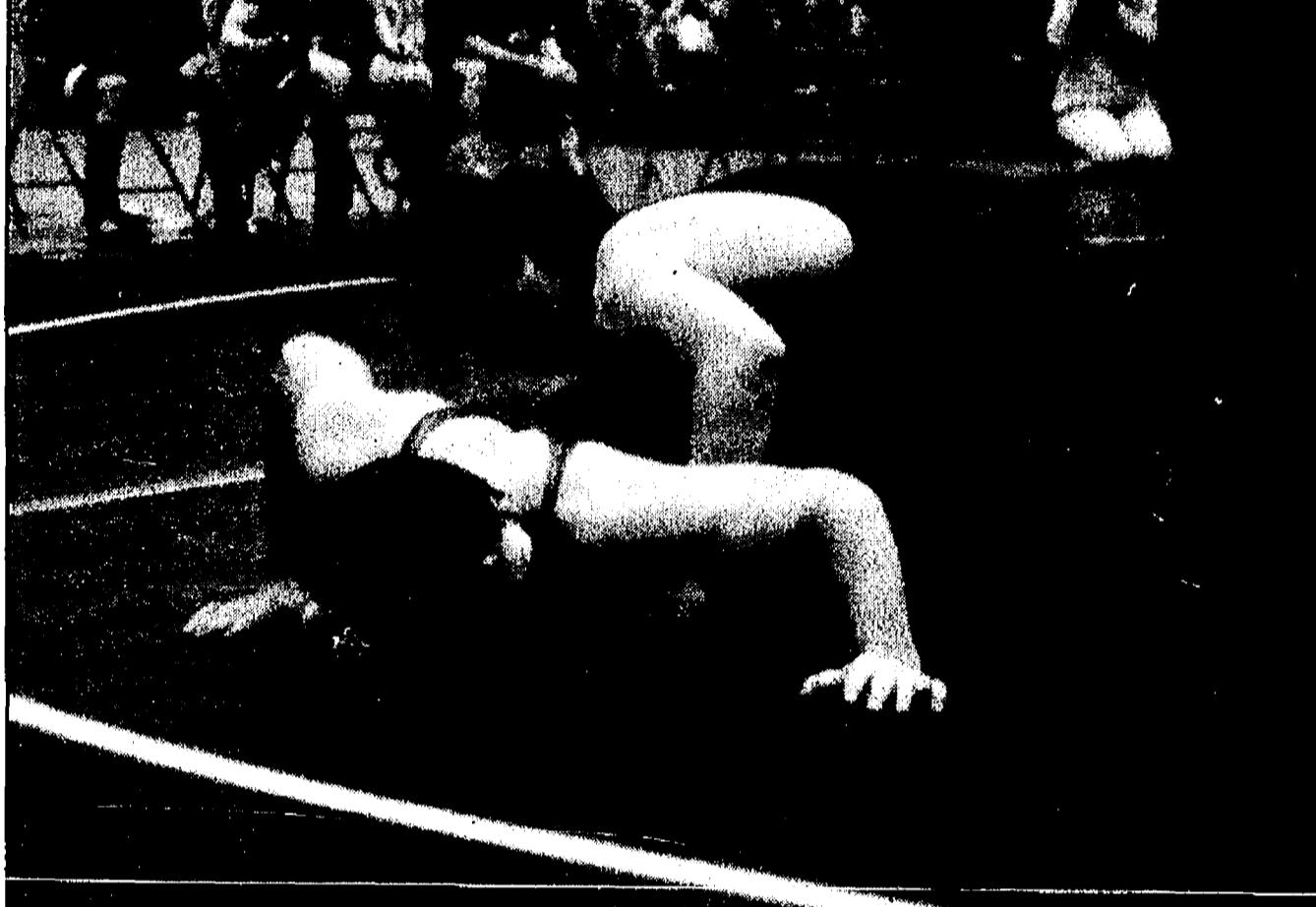
Pinconning took 1st, Ogemaw Heights placed 2nd, Grayling was 3rd, Oscoda 4th, Tawas 5th, Bay City John Glenn 6th, and Standish Sterling Central 7th.

Grayling had a total of six medalists in the NEMC Meet — the last meet of the league season.

Brandon Pratt (171) placed 1st at the meet, earning a conference championship in his weight division. He has a 34-6 record so far this season.

Darryl Babbitt (160), Aaron Rosecrans (215), and Dusty Partello (152, 21-17) both placed 2nd at the NEMC Meet. Chuck Woodman (125, 13-8), Adam Malone (130, 28-14), and Dusty Partello (152, 27-6) all finished 3rd in their weight class.

"This week we're going to start getting focused on the



Darryl Babbitt wrestles a Kalkaska opponent on Thursday at GHS.

upcoming state tournaments; Grayling won four and lost one, Coach Don Ferguson said.

On Thursday, the Vikings defeated a short-handed Kalkaska Blazers squad 57-15 in a meet at GHS.

The Vikings won six weight classes by forfeit (and lost two — 112 and 119 — by forfeit). In con-

tested matches, Grayling won four and lost one.

Emily Harvey (103), Joe Bancroft (140), Joel Wilson (145), Don Starks (189), Rosecrans (215), and Travis Brush (275) all won by forfeit for GHS.

Woodman (125) posted a second round pin to win his match.

Malone (130) won by pin in the first round. Partello (152) lost a tough match by decision, 5-2.

Babbitt (160) won by points, 14-8. Pratt (171), in the last contested match of the night, posted a quick first round pin.

The Vikings compete in Team Districts and Individual Districts this week.

Baseball clinic rescheduled for March

The Grayling High School

baseball clinic that was originally scheduled for February 15 has been changed to Saturday, March 15. The change was necessary due to a conflict in scheduling, and it will allow the coaching staff to use high school baseball

players to assist.

The clinic, to be held at Grayling Middle School, will be for players age 9-18. GHS baseball coach Bob Gorski and his staff will instruct participants on the fundamentals of hitting, pitching, infield, outfield, and catching.

Players will be broken up into two age groups: 9-12 will go from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. and 13-18 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Participants must bring tennis shoes, gloves, and work-out clothes.

Also, players will have the option to sign up for the second portion of the clinic to be held at a later date. At that time, players

will be videotaped on their hitting. The fee for both dates is \$20, which includes a Grayling baseball cap and video.

Sign up for the clinic at Sylvester's or pick up applications at the elementary, middle, or high school offices.

Little League coaches can attend the clinics for a fee of \$20. Coaches will receive a Grayling baseball cap and a coaching notebook on all phases of baseball.

Sign-ups will also be accepted on the day of the clinic. Please contact Gorski at 348-5626 or John Schneider at 348-4366 if you plan to attend and have not signed up yet.

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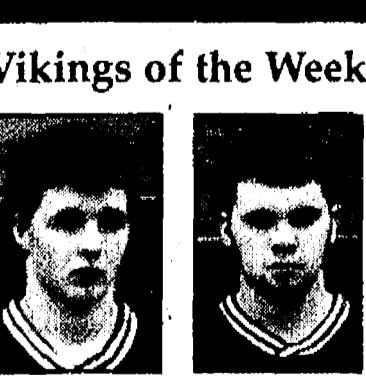
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Wendy's Vikings of the Week

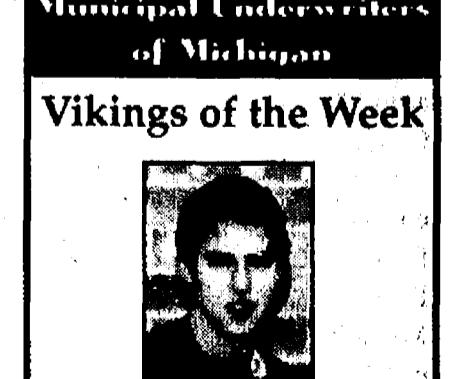


Wrestling

Coach: Don Ferguson
DARRYL BABBITT & AARON ROSECRANS

Darryl had a great match with an undefeated wrestler in the conference championship finals and placed 2nd in the league in his weight class. Aaron had a good day at the conference meet and worked his way to a 2nd place finish in the championship finals.

Paul Olson Municipal Underwriters of Michigan Vikings of the Week



Skiing

Coach: Mike Wieland
JILL SEAGER & PAT MCINALLY

Jill (not pictured) has consistently finished both races for Grayling, contributing to team placement in 22 out of 26 races this season. Pat had the highest combined finish in the league meet last week with a 6th in slalom and 7th in giant slalom.

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GHS hosts volleyball tourney

► Vikings begin and end with wins in 8-team Subway Invitational

The Vikings started with a win and ended with a win at Saturday's Subway Invitational — Grayling High School's annual varsity girls volleyball tournament — but lost the four matches in between to finish the event with a 2-4 overall record.

Grayling opened the tournament with a two-game series against the Beavers of Beaverton.

The Vikings played a good match in game one, and won the contest 15-8. Grayling struggled in game two, and Beaverton won 15-1.

Later, the Vikings lost to the Lady Stags of Kingsley 15-0, 15-7.

Grayling finished the day with a split against the Houghton Lake Bobcats. Houghton Lake won the first game 15-11 and Grayling took game two 15-3.

"We have streaks when we play to our potential, like the first game against Beaverton and the last game against Houghton Lake," said Coach Angie Golnick. "We have improved our serving percentage and transition. We're still working on confidence and trust."

Statistics for Grayling at the Subway Invitational included: Angeanette Lovely — 7 points, 9 digs; Carmen Hulbert — 7 points, 1 ace, 5 digs, 13 assists; Ashley Hawley — 6 points, 1 ace, 10 blocks, 7 kills; Ashley Bancroft — 6 points, 4 kills, 5 digs; Jamie Zelek — 5 points, 1 ace, 2 kills; Heather Metzer — 15 assists, 10 digs.



Ashley Hawley goes up for a spike in the Subway Invitational at GHS on Saturday.

Eight teams — Beaverton, Boyne City, Gaylord, Grayling,

Harbor Springs, Harrison, Invitational meet.

Houghton Lake, and Kingsley — participated in the 2003 Subway

The Vikings play at Tawas on Wednesday, February 19.

JV volleyball team beats Pinny 2-0

► Vikings win at home by scores of 15-6 and 15-4 vs. Spartans

The GHS junior varsity girls volleyball team posted a 2-0 victory against the Spartans of Pinconning in a best of three series last Wednesday in

Grayling. The Vikings won by scores of 15-6, 15-4.

"The girls played two great matches," Coach Jenny Swander said. "(Pinconning) was the first team they played this year and lost by only two. It shows how much they have improved to be able to beat them by nine and 11. They played well as a team and as a team only missed one serve. It is very exciting seeing the

improvement with each game."

Serving stats for Grayling included: Ashley Rousseau, 2 for 3; Alyssa Farrell, 1 for 1; Jenny Tozer, 5 for 5; Casey Mahaffy, 6 for 6; Jaimi Drudge, 16 for 16;

Jessica Pfaff, 4 for 4. Point totals included: Rousseau, 2; Tozer, 5; Mahaffy, 6; Pfaff, 3; Drudge, 14.

The Vikings will host Bay City John Glenn on Monday, February 17 at 6:15 p.m.

9th grade volleyball team wins three

► Freshman team defeats Oscoda, Pinconning, and Houghton Lake

With three recent wins, two against North East Michigan Conference opponents, the GHS freshman girls volleyball team has posted a respectable 5-2 league record so far.

Last Wednesday, the Vikings defeated the Pinconning Spartans 2-1 in a best of three series. Pinconning won the first game and GHS rallied to win the next two 15-7, 15-12.

"We struggled serving in the first game but turned things around to win the match," said Coach Amy Owen.

Serving stats for GHS included: Samantha Wakeley, 17 for 18 for 11 points; Chelsea Papendick, 12 for 14, 11 points; Michelle McGuire, 7 for 7, 4 points; Amanda Lutz, 7 for 7, 3 points; Chelsea Wolcott, 7 for 10, 6 points.

On January 30, the Vikings won a series vs. Oscoda 2-0 at GHS. Final scores were 15-4, 15-5.

"Teamwork has developed into a winning season for these girls," Coach Owen said. "I hope this commitment follows them to the varsity level."

Serving stats: Wakeley, 15 for 17, 14 points; Wolcott, 5 for 7, 5 points; Lutz, 4 for 4, 4 points.

On January 27, Grayling defeated Houghton Lake 15-3, 15-8 in a meet at GHS.

"We made 35 of 45 serves in these two games. Serving plays a large part of the game since it is the only way to score," Coach Owen said. "Michelle McGuire had an excellent match spiking and serving."

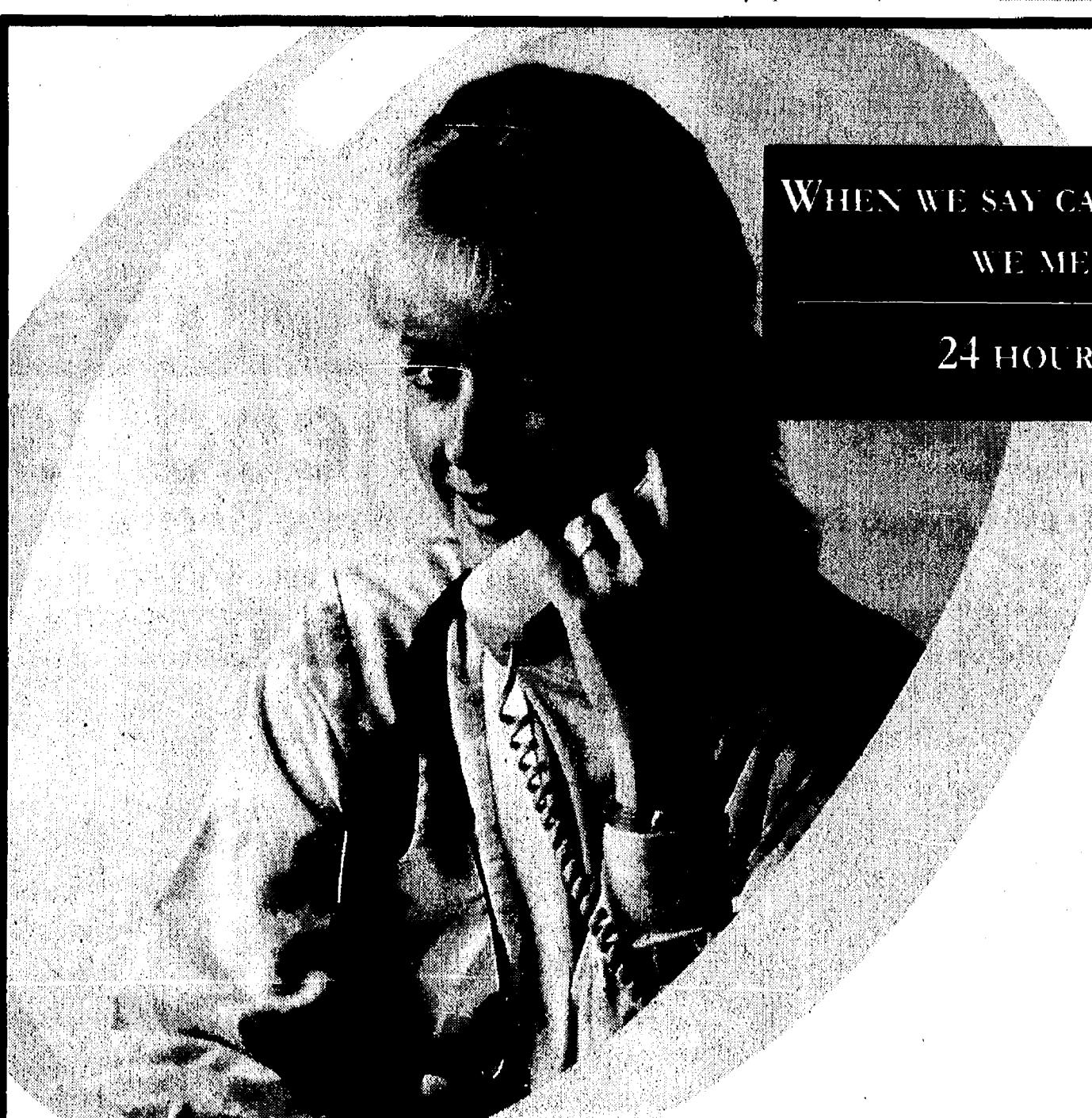
Serving stats: McGuire, 14 for 14, 11 points; Wolcott, 5 for 5, 4 points; Papendick, 8 for 10, 7 points.

The freshman team will host Bay City John Glenn on Monday, February 17 at 6:15 p.m.



Vikings of the Week
Ashley Hawley & Heather Metzer

Ashley blocked and hustled all day at the Subway Invitational and was named to the all-tournament team. Heather, through all her struggles serving, has stayed positive and improved the rest of her game.



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High Series Men: J. Helsel, 668; J. Babbit, 596; R. Argue, 568.	High Series Men: D. Wallace, 645; D. Canfield, 583; C. Hanson, 579.	High Series: P. Terry, 529; K. Moshier, 520; S. Johnson, 519; K. Laughton, 513.
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	Northwood	
Lucky & Laura's 19 - 09	Warren Forest Products 21.5 - 6.5	
Hart Pontiac-GMC 17.5 - 10.5	Moore's Automotive 19 - 09	
Beckett Contracting 16.5 - 11.5	Hessel Forest Products 15.5 - 12.5	
North MI Financial 15 - 13	Scheer Motors 15 - 13	
Hometown Furniture 13.5 - 14.5	GADCO 11 - 17	
Grayling Chiropractic 12 - 16	Forrest Brothers 11 - 17	
Corky's Karaoke 10 - 18	McLean's Ace 10 - 18	
Calkin's Excavating 8.5 - 19.5	Fenton's Auto Service 09 - 19	
High Series: T. Day, 545; S. Romain, 523; M. Rock, 510.	High Game: D. Canfield, 208; B. LaMotte, 202.	
High Series: T. Day, 207; S. Romain, 202; M. Rock, 184.	High Series: B. Trudeau, 627; B. J. Thayer, 248; J. Thayer, 248.	
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	Denholm Chiropractic 27 - 15	
	Corky's Karaoke 26 - 16	
	Faustman's Insurance 23 - 19	
	Legion Lanes 19 - 23	
	Hart Pontiac-GMC 17 - 25	
	Scott Pittman Builders 16 - 26	
	Northern White Tail 11 - 31	
	High Series: D. Canfield, 734; T. Devins, 637; J. Barton, 628.	
	High Series: T. Day, 217; K. Laughton, 216; S. Johnson, 202; P. D'Amour, 198.	

HIGGINS LAKE - ROSCOMMON Winterfest 2003

Come Join Us February 15th

Buy a \$5.00 badge for a day of fun! • Park Fee Admission is FREE for Winterfest!



1-Higgins Lake Fishing Derby

8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Over \$1,200 In Prizes

Register your fish at the North State Park Winterfest

Headquarters

Sponsored by ERA Houghton Higgins.com

1-Fishing Frenzy-Adult Division

Must be 18 years and older

Entry Fee: 2003 Winterfest Badge

Perch • Lake Trout, Brown/Rainbow

• Pike Divisions

Longest Fish Overall Grand Prize

1-Kids Fishing Division - FREE!

Junior Division - 12 and younger

All entered fish get a prize

Longest Perch Prizes

Longest Fish Grand Prize

Senior Division - 13-17 years of age

Longest Perch Prizes • Longest Trout Prizes

Awards/Prizes Presentation 2:30 p.m. at the North State Park

1-Kids Games and Activities

11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Accompanied by an Adult with badge.

Sponsored by FirstBank of Higgins Lake



1-Chili Cook-Off

Taste some of the area's best Chili
Located at the North State Park
in the heated BIG TENT!

1-Broomball Benefit Game

12:00 p.m.

Benefit for K-9 Unit, Rosco. Co. Sheriff

2-Pancake Breakfast

Fill yourself up before the
day's activities!

Music Provided & Cartoon Characters
for the kids.

3-Cross Country Skiing

What a great time to learn the healthy and fun sport of
Cross Country Skiing!

Lessons start at 4:00 p.m. and then a guided tour to
the Trapper's Cabin for a bonfire and hot cocoa at 5:00
p.m.!

Special reduced rates for rentals

4-Teens Terror Extreme Sledding

Get your teen out of the house!

It's all about SPEED and ENDURANCE!

Contests and lots of FUN!

The terror starts at 3 p.m. at Pioneer Hill!

5-Winter Canoe Trip

Enjoy an unforgettable ride on a 1 hour trip down the
beautiful AuSable River. Guaranteed to see plenty of
Mallard Ducks! Trip starts at the

Paddle Brave Canoe Livery

from 12:00 noon-2:00 p.m.

1-Snowshoeing

Try your skills at snowshoeing. Guided
tours and lessons start your quiet adventure between
2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Located at the North State Park.

6-Southern Gospel Concert

7:00 p.m.

at the Roscommon High School Auditorium

Sponsored by Area Churches

Locate These Numbers on the
map to find the Winterfest
Event Location

1-North State Park
Winterfest Hdq.

2-Knights of Columbus Hdq.

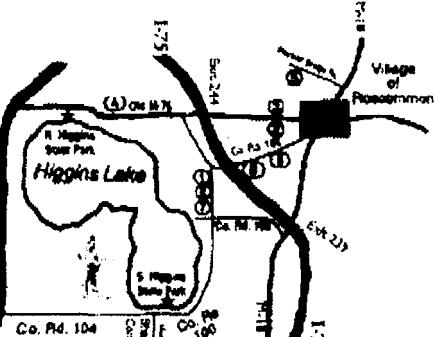
3-Cross Country Ski Hdq.

4-Pioneer Hdq.

5-Paddle Brave Canoe Livery

6-Roscommon High School

7-K&K Masonry



The non-conference loss was
the Firebirds' third straight,
dropping them to 9-13 overall.

Womens Team

FLINT - Teona Blythe, Monique Edward-Thames and Tracy Johnson each scored 18

points to pace Mott to a 75-42 win Wednesday night over Kirtland.

Becca Miller scored 16 points to lead Kirtland, while Amy Jordan contributed 10 points and eight rebounds. The Lady Firebirds lost for third straight game and fell to 2-8 in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association and 7-15 overall.

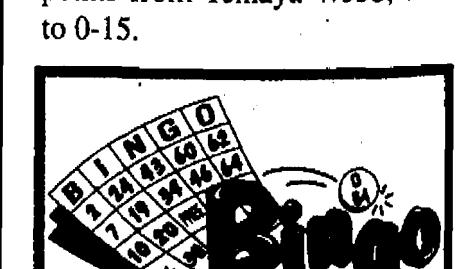
Mott is 8-1 in the conference and 14-7 overall.

ROSCOMMON - Becca Miller scored 21 points and had 10 rebounds to lead four Kirtland teammates in double figures in scoring and rebounding Saturday in an 86-48 victory over winless Marygrove.

Jillian Schultz scored 20 points with 11 rebounds, Amy Jordan had 15 points with 10 rebounds and Raquel Bates had 10 points with 11 rebounds. Also, Brianna Glasscox contributed 14 points with seven steals and five rebounds as all five Lady Firebirds starters scored in double digits.

The victory in the non-conference affair ended a four-game losing streak for Kirtland, which improved to 8-15 overall.

Marygrove, which got 23 points from Yemaya Webb, fell to 0-15.



Sunday - 1:30 pm
Grayling Eagles Auxiliary #3465

Fathers Club and Kirtland
Gymnasium

Thursday - 6:30 pm
American Legion Hall
Post 106 - Grayling

TUESDAY - 6:30 pm
Grayling Eagles Aerie #3465

NOBODY BEATS NESTERS GM Lease Pull Ahead is Back!

That's Right! If Your GM Lease Expires Between April 2nd and August 31st, You Can Turn It In Now With No Charges!

Check Out These Deals!

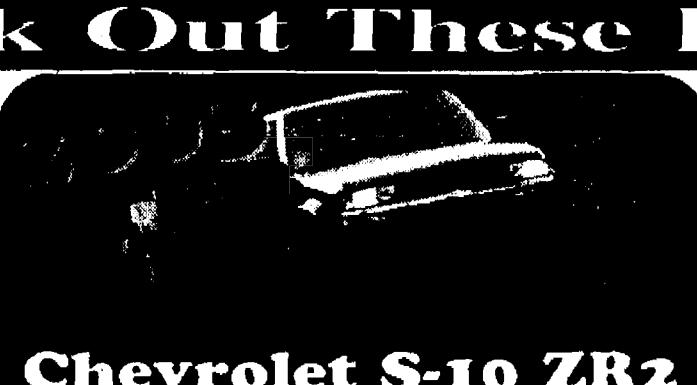


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Nicely Equipped. Power Slider.

GMS Only \$287⁰⁰

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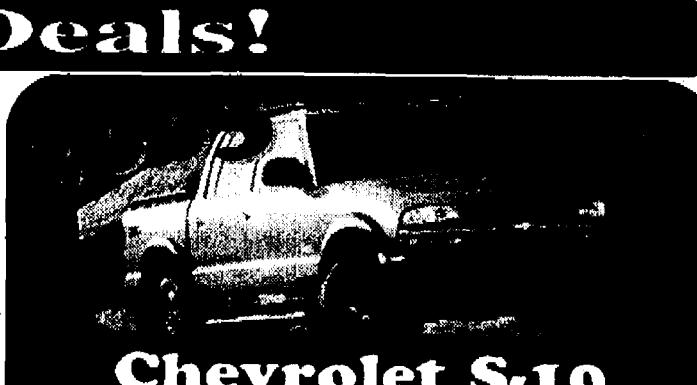


Chevrolet S-10 ZR2 Ext. Cab 4x4

High Rider, 3 Door, Loaded

GMS Only \$276⁰⁰

Non GMS \$308⁰⁰

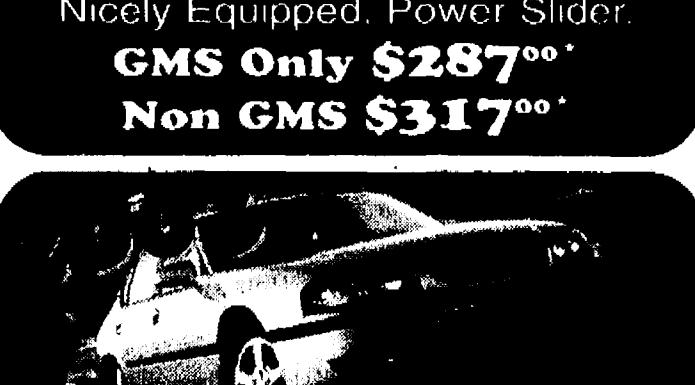


Chevrolet S-10 Extreme Pickup

Auto. V6. Loaded. Red

GMS Only \$236⁰⁰

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Chevrolet Impala

Lots of Features!

GMS Only \$216⁰⁰

Non GMS \$244⁰⁰



Oldsmobile Alero GL

V6 and More!

GMS Only \$210⁰⁰

LEGAL ACTION

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Decedent's Estate

File No. 03-6568-DE

Estate of Irene Esther Estleman,

Date of birth: 5-01-08

NOTICE TO CREDITORS:

The decedent, Irene Esther Estleman, who lived at 7920 W. Five Mile Road, Grayling, Michigan died November 21, 2002.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Marlene Brown, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 200 W. Michigan Ave, Grayling, MI 49738 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: January 9, 2003

Marlene Brown
6977 S. Military
Grayling, MI 49738

Rapids, Michigan 49507, dated July 29, 2002, and recorded on August 14, 2002, in Liber 592, Page 318 of the Crawford County Register of Deeds, which mortgage has been assigned to Northpointe Bank, whose address is 770 Kenmoor S.E., Suite 201, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49546, by virtue of an Assignment of Mortgage dated August 2, 2002, and recorded on August 14, 2002 with the Crawford County Register of Deeds at Liber 592, Page 334 and upon which there is now claimed to be due for principal and interest the sum of Forty Four Thousand Nine Hundred Two Dollars and Twenty Four Cents (\$44,902.24) and no suit or proceedings at law having been instituted to recover the said debt or any part thereof;

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by virtue of the power of sale contained in the mortgage, and the statute in such case made and provided, on March 12, 2003 at 10:00 a.m., the undersigned will sell at the Crawford County Courthouse, 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, Michigan that being the place of holding the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford at public venue to the highest bidder for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon said Mortgage, together with the legal fees and charges of the sale, including attorney's fees allowed by law, the premises in said mortgage located in the Township of Frederic, Crawford County and which are described as follows:

Parcel C-1

Part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 11, Town 27 North, Range 4 West, Frederic Township, Crawford County, Michigan, described as beginning at a point located distant North 01 degrees 09 minutes 50 seconds East, along the East line of said Section 11 a distance of 1298.19 feet and South 88 degrees 39 minutes 23 seconds West, 1130.58 feet and South 07 degrees 02 minutes 22 seconds East, 162.93 feet from the Southeast corner of said Section 11; thence North 88 degrees 39 minutes 11; thence North 88 degrees 39 minutes 23 seconds East, 832.31 feet to the point of ending. P.P. #030-011-016-030-03

which has an address of 7076 Sampson Street, Frederic, Michigan 49733.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241(a) in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 29, 2003

Drafted By:

William M. Azkoul (P40071)
Attorney for Mortgage
161 Ottawa Ave., NW
Suite 205-C
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
(616) 458-1315
Northpointe Bank
770 Kenmoor SE
Suite 201
Grand Rapids, MI 49548

-06-13-20-27

Troy, MI 48007-5041
(248) 457-1000
File No. 200.0727

-6-13-20-27-06

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es, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 a.m., on February 26, 2003.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Being part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 8, Town 26 North, Range 3 West, City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan described as:

Commencing at the Southwest corner of Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 8, Town 26 North, Range 3 West, thence South 88 degrees 59 minutes East 517 feet, thence North 1 Degree 33 minutes East, 656 feet to the Point of Beginning, thence continuing North 1 degree, 33 minutes East, 281.3 feet to the Southeasterly bank of the AuSable River; thence South 64 degrees 28 minutes West along river, 184.85 feet; thence South 24 degrees 03 minutes West along river, 220.3 feet; thence South 8 degrees 50 minutes East along river, 87.0 feet; thence South 89 degrees, 59 minutes East, 133.2 feet; thence North 1 degree, 33 minutes East, 149.0 feet; thence South 89 degrees 55 minutes East, 100.0 feet to the Point of Beginning. The above description of land is the combination of Parcels A and B of Survey recorded in Liber 134, page 79 and of Parcel A of Survey recorded in Liber 153, page 458, Crawford County Records.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Richard L. Hoag, married man and Angel R. Hoag, his wife (original mortgagors) to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated January 25, 2002, and recorded on March 15, 2002 in Liber 0573 on Page 292 in Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Ten Thousand Two Hundred Seventy and 59/100 dollars (\$110,270.59), including interest at 7.000% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 a.m., on March 5, 2003.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 28, Davenport's Pine Acres, as recorded in Liber 3, of Plats, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 23, 2003
For information, please call:

Team J (248) 593-1302
Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys and Counselors

30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200

Bingham Farms, MI 48025

File # 200311289

Team J

-23-30-06-13

552°03'00"E, along the Southerly right of way of Jones Lake Road 400.0 feet to the Place of Beginning. SUBJECT TO a 66 foot wide easement for ingress and egress and installation and maintenance of public utilities, 33 feet each side of the Southwesterly line of Parcel 4 as delineated on a survey recorded in Liber 122, Page 473; Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) after the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 30, 2003
For information, please call:

Team X (248) 593-1302

Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys and Counselors

30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200

Bingham Farms, MI 48025

File # 200311491

Team X

-30-06-13-20

Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Donald L. Welser and Lydia Welser, husband and wife of Grayling, Michigan 49738 and Jayson S. Welser and Michelle Welser, husband and wife of 2601 Hidden Ridge Court, Grayling, Michigan 49738 to First National Bank of Gaylord, 501 W. Main Street, Gaylord, Michigan 49735, dated August 31, 2001 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Crawford, and State of Michigan, on September 4, 2001, in Liber 0551 Pages 322 through 325 Crawford County Records, and on which there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal, interest and late fees, the sum of \$146,546.74.

As no suit or other legal proceedings have been filed to recover the debt, secured by the Mortgage; Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in the mortgage, and pursuant to the statutes of the State of Michigan, NOTICE is hereby given that on Wednesday, the 5th day of March, 2003 at 10:00 o'clock a.m. the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction to the highest bidder at the main entrance to the County Building in the City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan of that premises described in the mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, on the mortgage, with interest thereon at the contract rate and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sums which may be paid by the mortgagee to protect its interest in the premises.

The premises are described as follows: Land situated in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, described as:

The North 50 feet of Lot 1, Block 2, HADLEY'S THIRD ADDITION TO THE VILLAGE (NOW CITY) OF GRAYLING, thence West 180 feet, thence South 120 feet, thence East 180 feet, thence North 120 feet to the Point of Beginning. Being formerly lots 3, 4 and 5, Block 2, HADLEY'S THIRD ADDITION and also the South 33 feet of vacated Clare Street lying Northerly and adjacent thereto.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of the sale.

Dated: January 22, 2003
BODMAN, LONGLEY & DAHLING LLP
Amy J. Duran (P54777)
Debt Collector for First National
Bank of Gaylord
229 Court Street
P.O. Box 405
Cheboygan, MI 49721
(231) 627-4351

-30-06-13-20-27

Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Richard A. Grant, a single man, to Old Kent Bank (now by various resolutions duly known as Fifth Third Bank), mortgagee, dated September 11, 1997 and recorded September 12, 1997 in Liber 437, Page 582, Crawford County Records. Said mortgage is now held by Fifth Third Bank by assignment submitted to and recorded by the Crawford County Register of Deeds. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Twenty-Eight Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-Four and 44/100 Dollars (\$28,624.44) including interest at 8.7% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on March 12, 2003.

The premises are located in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

The south 20 feet of the northwest 1/4 and the southwest 1/4 of lot 5, block 4, Martha Brinks Addition to the Village (now City) of Grayling according to the recorded plat thereof.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale.

Dated: February 6, 2003
ORLANS ASSOCIATES PC
Attorneys for Fifth Third Bank,
As Assignee
P.O. Box 5041

-30-06-13-20

Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Paul W. Schroeder and Colleen L. Schroeder, husband and wife (original mortgagors) to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated October 26, 2001, and recorded on October 30, 2001 in Liber 558 on Page 20 in Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Four Thousand Two Hundred Seventy-Six and 03/100 Dollars (\$74,276.03), including interest at 8.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale.

Dated: February 13, 2003
Citizens Commercial & Savings
Bank, Mortgagee, dated July 28, 1998, and recorded on September 3, 1998 in Liber 462 on Page 93 in Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty-Four Thousand One Hundred Thirty-One and 20/100 Dollars (\$34,131.20), including interest at 6.00% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises.

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Citizens Commercial &

FEATURES

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago

February 14, 1980

Crawford AuSable School Board met for the purpose of appointing advisory committee members to study the future of the Grayling Middle School.

The objective of the advisory committee will be to provide recommendations on remodeling or reconstruction of the middle school building.

Poor snow conditions have forced activities at the Grayling Winter Carnival to be rescheduled. The cross country ski and pony rides will be held next weekend.

Meanwhile, a winter with little snow has not only had a negative effect on recreational activities but it has hampered a fund drive to pay for the new hill groomer now in operation at Hanson Hills.

Three new buses were added to the Dial-A-Ride fleet, and a new 22 passenger bus has been on hand for a couple of months.

The Middle School bas-

ketball team closed out their regular season against West Branch winning three of four games. Cheering the teams on were this year's middle school cheerleaders, Traci Riley, Shawn Lovely, Angie Parrett, Theresa Barber, Stacey Wolcott, Lisa LaMotte, Wendy Callan, Vicki Mahaney and Dawn Weatherly.

Junior forward Bill Roach scored 18 points including the tying basket to lead the Vikings to one of the most stirring double overtime comeback victories in recent cage history. The win keeps Viking conference title hopes alive.

Snowmobile safety day was held on Tuesday at the Grayling Elementary School. Children were shown a movie about snowmobile safety and went for a ride on a snowmobile.

Winners of the annual Grayling Rotary Minstrel Show Poster Contest are Pat Moore, Trisha Hahn and Amy Barber.

46 Years Ago

February 14, 1957

Mary Lou Farkas, 18 year old Detroit college student, was named Miss Michigan Winter Sports Queen at the 32nd annual Winter Carnival. She topped a field of 20 aspirants.

Attendance figure at the Hartwick Pines State Park reached 310,057 during 1956.

Grayling merchants are planning a two day city-wide sales event this weekend. It will be known as February Dollar Days, and will feature bargains in every store.

The Frederic High Eagles rolled easily to their 15th straight victory of the season, when they topped Fife Lake by a 91 to 21 score.

Showing this week is the movie "Dance With Me, Henry" with Bud Abbott and Lou Costello.

69 Years Ago

February 15, 1934

With forty-five degrees below zero, Grayling's weatherman claims that that was the coldest on record for more than a quarter of a century.

A large crowd enjoyed the activities at the Winter Sports Park last weekend, among whom were several from Roscommon, West Branch, Kalkaska and other more remote parts.

Tuesday the advanced Home Economics class gave a luncheon of lovely appointments with the mothers of the girls as guests. The Valentine motif was enjoyed by all.

In accordance with the provisions of the state liquor laws, our village council voted unanimously in favor of permitting liquor to be sold in the village by the glass.

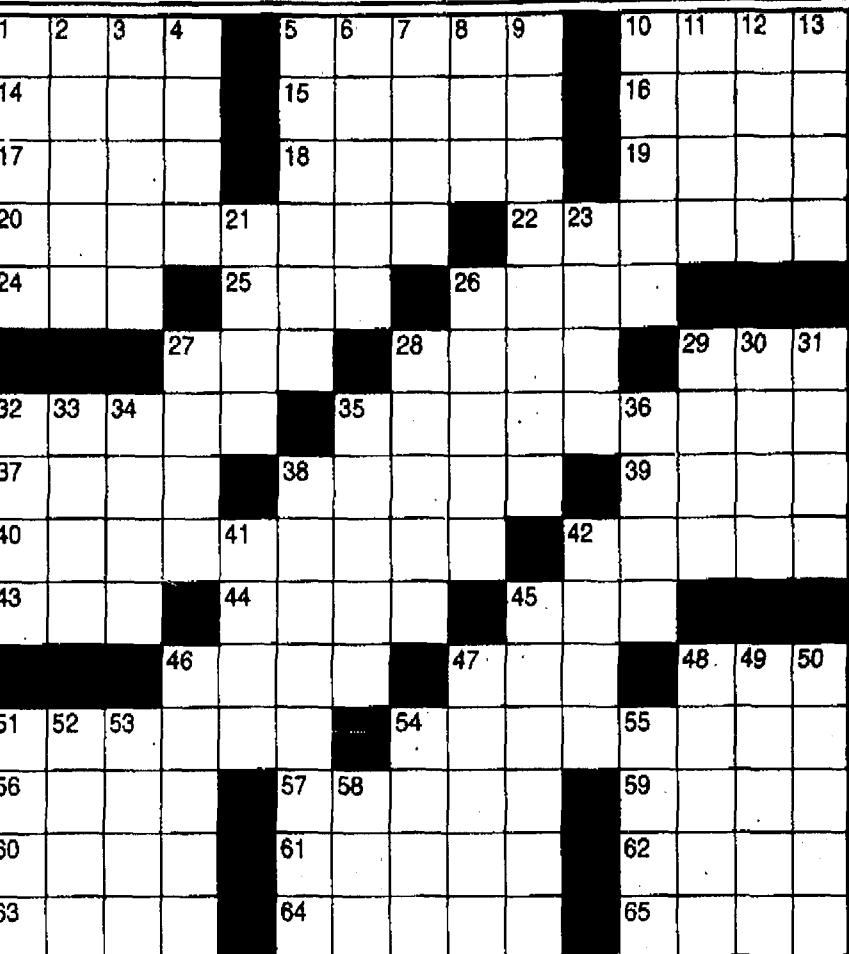
County Treasurer calls attention to the payment of the head tax - \$2.00 per person of 21 years and over. There is a heavy penalty for those who neglect to do so.

92 Years Ago

February 16, 1911

Two heavy freight trains, both double headers, met head-on at the north end of the Gaylord yard Saturday night in a dense fog, and all four engines were disabled so they had to go to shop. Fortunately no one was injured in all four crews.

CROSSWORD



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- Son of Rebekah
- Smear
- Author Weldon
- Hawaiian bird
- Halt
- Make jagged
- Protect from waste
- Song of the Road" (Whitman)
- Choreographer Michael
- Oil-drilling platforms
- Large villages
- Italian seaport
- Zeros in
- Mrs. Nick Charles
- Pesky bug
- Jacket type
- Springfield
- Window material
- Deadly monster
- Is indolent
- Sped
- Congressional passages
- Riff and Baby John's gang
- Chronological periods
- Turn or over follower
- Courted
- Ark skipper
- Carpenter's joint
- Bakery items
- 5th-century invaders
- Would I lie?
- Skating places
- Wet blankets
- Refrigeration gas
- Ward off
- Sympathetic answers
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- "Beowulf" e.g.
- Lubavitchers e.g.
- Designated driver's order
- "Tell Mama" singer James
- Ike's monogram

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- Put up a monument
- Indian stringed instrument
- Great distress
- Jimmy Carter's alma mater: abbr.
- Urging (on)
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- Hollywood biggies
- Football game segments
- Bridge expert Sharif
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- Fast plane
- "Big Daddy" Burl
- Questioning cry
- Fantastic Four leader Richards
- Put up a monument
- Indian stringed instrument
- Great distress
- Jimmy Carter's alma mater: abbr.
- Urging (on)
- Electronic switching device
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- Hollywood biggies
- Football game segments
- Bridge expert Sharif
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ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

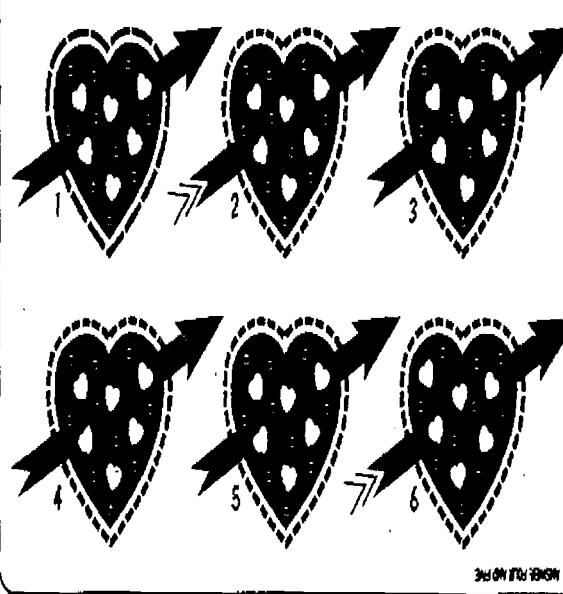
Chocolate Dried Plum Thumbprints

1 cup chopped Sunsweet Dried Plums
1/4 cup granulated sugar
1/2 cup chopped walnuts, toasted
1/2 cup semi-sweet chocolate morsels
1 cup butter or margarine, softened
1-1/2 cups brown sugar, packed
2 cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 cup milk
2 cups quick-cooking oats
In medium saucepan combine dried plums, sugar and 1/2 cup water; bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer for 3 minutes, stirring constantly. Stir in walnuts and

chocolate morsels. Set aside. Preheat oven to 350°F. In large mixing bowl, beat butter and brown sugar with electric mixer on medium speed, until smooth. With mixer on low speed, gradually add flour, soda and salt, beating until well combined. Stir in milk and oats; mix well. Shape mixture into 1/4-inch balls. Place 2 inches apart on ungreased cookie sheet. Press down in center of each with thumb. Bake for 10 minutes; remove from oven. Spoon about 1 teaspoon dried plum mixture into center of each cookie. Bake for 2 to 3 minutes more. Let stand on cookie sheet 1 minute before removing to wire racks. Makes about 5 dozen cookies.

FIND THE TWINS

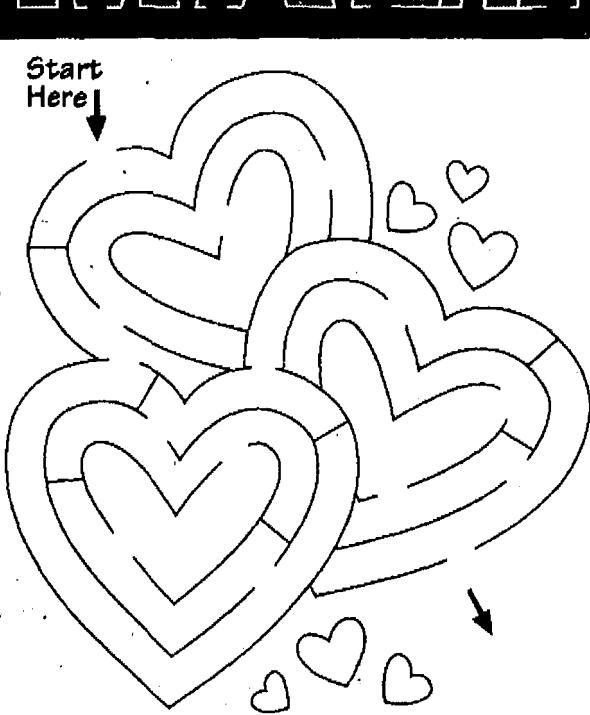
WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?



DID YOU KNOW

The largest crabs in the world, which stand three feet high and often weigh as much as 30 pounds, live off the coast of Japan.

MAZE



Adopt a Pet



These shepherd mix puppies are sooo soft and cuddly. What a great Valentine's Day present for someone who is looking for a new friend! Please call 348-4117 for more information on opening your home to a homeless animal. Or, e-mail: animal_direc-tor@yahoo.com.

The response to our latest fund-raisers has been wonderful: Dog-Opoly, Cat-Opoly, Wild Animal-Opoly and Ocean-Opoly are big hits! We have only one of the Ocean-Opoly game, but a few of the others are still available. These games are fun while being educational and make great gifts, or to just chase away cabin fever. Cost is \$25 each and all proceeds go to help the animals in our care. Games are available for purchase at J.Dap Co. and at the Avalanche office. "Creature Comforts Cookbook" is still available for a donation of \$15. Stop by the Shelter, the Grayling Hospital for Animals, the Avalanche, Riverland Gear, The Medicine Shoppe, or Stevens Family Circle and get your copy. The support of this community has allowed for many upgrades at the shelter in 2002. Stay tuned for details!

The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is located at: 508 1/2 Huron Street (M-72 East) in Grayling Between the Road Commission and the Eagles Hall Hours: Mon. - Sat. 9 am - 1 pm; Sun. and Holidays 8 am - 11 am After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117

HOROSCOPES

For the Week of February 13, 2003



Opportunities abound. Take advantage of them to move forward with your goals. A major change is about to take place at home. Prepare yourself.



Your financial future is more secure than you realize. Still it wouldn't hurt to add more to your retirement or savings account.



You'll soon forget all of the little things you've been worried about as a larger problem moves into the forefront. Deal with it in the most efficient way possible and then go out and have some fun.



Make way for something new. It could be a hobby, an activity, a pet or even a friend. Don't let it interfere, however, with plans you made awhile ago.



An idea of yours is under fire. Don't be alarmed. Change isn't easy to accept and even harder to implement. Things will settle down and everyone will benefit from your idea.



A financial windfall is headed your way. Don't be foolish and spend it frivolously. Pay off some debts instead and regain peace of mind.



Someone close to you is ill, but none of their physicians have been able to make a diagnosis. Encourage them to take charge of their health and seek help elsewhere.



Your physical fitness routine has become boring. It's time to try something new. Consider pilates, spinning or any of the other more popular concepts on the market.



You're feeling more talkative than usual. Be careful what you say. You don't want to reveal too much. Someone could use it against you.



Life at home is at a peak. Your family is happy and the chores around the house are all caught up. Enjoy the good times and have some fun.



A bug is going around at the office, but you are feeling fine. Eat right and get plenty of rest and you might not catch it.



It's amazing how far a young family member has come. Compliment them on their drive and determination, and encourage them to keep up the good work.



WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week

Date	H	L	Snow
2/05	29	10	2
2/06	16	3	.5
2/07	20	-17	1
2/08	15	15	.5
2/09	21	4	2
2/10	16	3	1.5
2/11	15	-23	trace

Extended Forecast

(Courtesy of the Weather.com)

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
High 10 Low -3	High 16 Low 3	High 28 Low 0	High 25 Low -2	High 22 Low -1	High 20 Low 5
Wet Showers	Wet Showers	Wet Showers	Wet Showers	Wet Showers	Wet Showers
Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy

2. For Rent

TWO BEDROOM MOBILE HOME for rent, no pets. Timberly Village Mobile Home Park, I-75 Business Loop North. (11/21/02tf/2)

THREE BEDROOM, TWO BATH HOME at Lake Margrethe. Available March 1, \$600 per month plus deposit and references. One year lease. No smoking and no pets. (989) 348-8627 (2/13/03tf/2)

BUSINESS OR OFFICE SPACE for rent. 640 square feet. Excellent traffic location on Federal Highway. One and 1/4 mile west of I-75 Exit 244. (989) 821-5995. (LR3/27/03/2)

FOR RENT

Grayling Housing Commission
Base Rent is based on 30% of
Adjusted Income

Maximum Ceiling Rents

One Bedroom \$400.00
Two Bedroom \$350.00
Three Bedroom \$375.00
Four Bedroom \$400.00

Rent Includes Utilities
These flat rents are the maximum rents to be paid for the units listed above. The Grayling Housing Commission basic rent is calculated on 30% of income.

308 Lawndale Drive
Telephone: 989-348-9314



2. For Rent

TWO BEDROOM MOBILE HOME Inquire at Timberly Village Mobile Home Park. (10/10/02tf/2)

LARGE ONE BEDROOM upper apartment. No smoking, references and deposit required in Grayling. \$275 month. (989) 348-6552 (-6-13/2)

NICE, CLEAN TWO BEDROOM mobile with garage, washer/dryer and appliances. \$425 plus deposit. No pets. (989) 348-4716 (2/13/03tf/2)

COZY SEMI FURNISHED HOME Two bedroom, close to town, will lease. \$425 plus deposit. (989) 348-5428 (2/6/03tf/2)

1,000 Sq Feet
OFFICE/RETAIL SUITE

On Business Loop
\$500.00 per Month
348-5571

Commercial Building For Rent

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\$550/month

6251 M-72 West, 1 Mile W. of Grayling.
348-4716

2. For Rent

ONE OR TWO BEDROOM upstairs apartment. Conveniently located downtown Grayling. \$375 per month, plus deposit, no pets. Call (989) 348-2833. (-6-13-20-27/2)

TWO BEDROOM HOUSE Range, refrigerator included. One car attached garage, no pets. \$425 month plus \$425 security. Tenant pays utilities. 6186 M-72 West. One mile west of Grayling. (989) 348-4716 (2/13/03tf/2)

BEDROOM FOR RENT Only one mile from downtown Grayling and surrounded by woods and wildlife, enjoy a peaceful setting in this spacious home. \$325 per month. All utilities are free, including cable TV, phone, kitchen, laundry and more. (989) 348-2083. (-6-13/2)

SMALL TWO BEDROOM HOUSE for rent. Half way between Kalkaska and Grayling. 1/2 mile from Bear Lake. \$485 month plus utilities. (231) 275-6887 (-6-13/2)

TWO BEDROOM APARTMENT with one bath, laundry room, garage and all appliances. Security deposit required. (989) 348-8471 (-6-13/2)

VIKING VILLAGE APARTMENTS is now accepting applications for immediate occupancy, as well as waiting list positions. Very nice, two bedroom, two bath apartments with an attached garage and central air conditioning in a private secluded setting. Lease includes appliances, weekly garbage pickup, snow removal, and lawn care. Paved street, natural gas. Credit application required. No pets. Inquire at Farm Bureau Insurance-Herb Olson (989) 348-9456. (-23-30-6-13/2)

TWO BEDROOM, TWO BATH DUPLEX with appliances and garage, close to town. Phone (989) 348-8066. (2/6/03tf/2)

TWO BEDROOM Remodeled, no smoking, no pets. Six miles east of Grayling. \$450 month. (989) 348-4840 (-23-30-6-13/2)

SPACIOUS ONE BEDROOM upper in Grayling. Includes all utilities plus trash pick-up, snow plowing. Stove, refrigerator, washer/dryer, digital cable furnished. Lots of storage and closet space. Carpeted throughout. Only quiet, responsible persons need apply. No smoking, no pets. \$565 per month plus deposit. Must have references. Phone (989) 348-8993 (-6-13/2)

RIVER FOREST FAMILY APARTMENTS at the corner of Hannah and Ballenger in Roscommon has One and Two bedroom units for immediate occupancy by qualified persons. Rent based on income, no minimum. Applications at office on site or call (989) 275-4061 or 1-800-225-7982. Managed by Stratford Group Ltd., 442 W. Baldwin Street, Alpena, MI 49707. Equal Housing Opportunity. Hearing TDD # 1-800-855-1155. (-23-30-6-13/2)

THAT VACATION CABIN OR HOME can always be found in the Avalanche For Rent Classifieds 102 Michigan Avenue, Grayling - (989) 348-6811

3. Employment

NURSING INSTRUCTOR/LECTURER: Kirtland Community College is seeking a part-time OB nursing instructor for the summer, 2003 semester (May 14-July 2). Must have a Masters degree in nursing, a minimum of 2 years work related nursing experience in an OB setting, and a current nursing license. Submit letter of application, resume, unofficial transcripts, and three letters of recommendation to Human Resources Department, Kirtland Community College, 10775 N. St. Helen Road, Roscommon, MI 48653. Kirtland Community College is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer.

Program Coordinator

The Grayling Housing Commission is seeking a program coordinator to oversee and coordinate the Homeownership Program sponsored by the Housing Commission. The program coordinator must have three to five years experience in programs related to section 8 rental vouchers and Family Self Sufficiency. Ability to counsel, encourage and coordinate educational activities to help clients to achieve their goals is a significant aspect of this program. Experience in developing and implementing new programs at a local, or state governmental level is necessary. Please contact Mr. Guy Quigley at 989-368-3097 to obtain an application.

LARGE ONE BEDROOM HOUSE Available February 18, 2003. 101D State St., Grayling. AuSable River access. \$395 per month and utilities, references and one month security deposit. (989) 275-4126 and leave a message. (-30-6-13/2)

3. Employment

HILLMAN NURSING CENTER, Northeast Michigan's premier skilled and long-term care facility is seeking applications both for RN and LPN positions, all shifts. Hillman Nursing Center offers outstanding benefits and an absolutely wonderful work environment. Our dedicated staff of RN's start at \$19.50 an hour and our LPN's at \$15.50. If you enjoy working with and caring for the elderly and want to be part of a team that is enthusiastic and friendly, please call, stop in or send a resume to: ATTN: Debra Brown, RN DON (989) 742-4581, Hillman Nursing Center, 631 Caring St., Hillman, MI 49746 (-30-6-13/3)

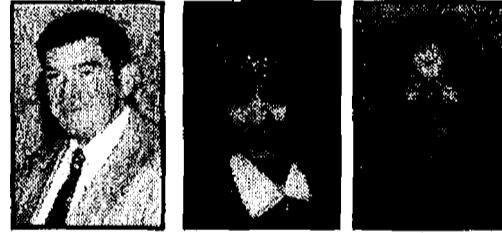
HOME AND GARDEN PARTY is expanding in your area. High commission, no inventory, no delivery. PT/FT wanted. Call toll free (866) 230-0443. (-23-30-6-13/3)

MERCY AMICARE HOME-CARE & HOSPICE is looking for an RN who is willing to work contingently for the Hospice service. This person will work in the office and/or some occasional field work. Computer or laptop experience a plus! This is a great opportunity for an RN who does not want a caseload, or specific schedule. One or more years of experience, med surg nursing, or hospice/homecare experience. Candidate must have excellent interpersonal skills and be organized. Interested candidates can call Gayle Willett for more information (800) 424-1457 or mail resume/application to: 201 Meadows Drive, Suite A, Grayling, MI 49738. Fax: (989) 348-0045 Attn: Gayle, Achieving Workforce Diversity Through Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. (12/19/02tf/3)



1. Real Estate

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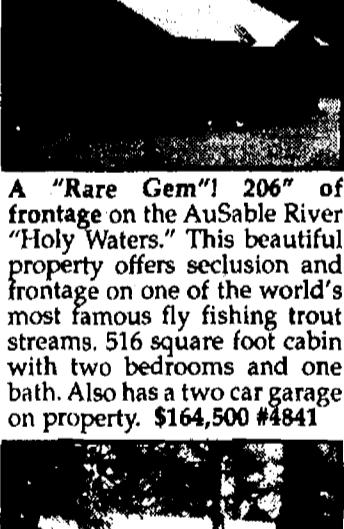
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*A consumer must provide a copy of a written Good Faith Estimate, showing a good faith estimate of the costs to be paid by a lender. Good Faith Estimate disclosure requirements apply. The consumer must be given a copy of the Good Faith Estimate and the Truth in Lending Disclosure Statement within three business days of the consumer's application for a loan. The consumer must be given a copy of the signed Good Faith Estimate and Truth in Lending Disclosure Statement within three business days of the consumer's application for a loan.



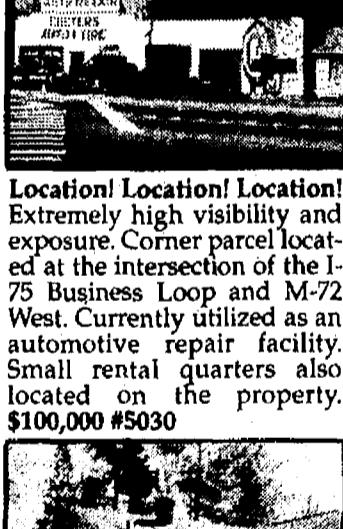
Special Feature!

Completely remodeled home featuring three bedrooms, 1 & 1/2 baths, new floor coverings, appliances, bathroom fixtures, drywall, oak kitchen cupboards, furnace, hot water heater, vinyl thermal pane windows, vinyl siding, blown insulation in the walls, R50 insulation in the ceilings in 2000-2002 \$95,000 #5033



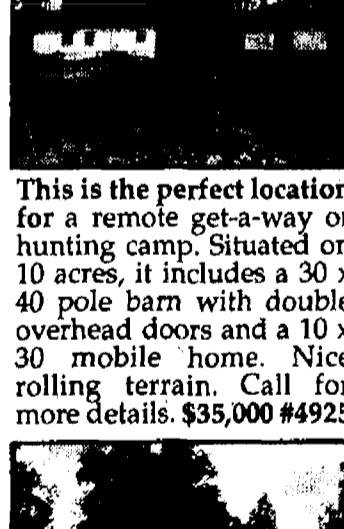
This cozy cabin offers new well, new septic and drain field, new garage, new covered porch, and a new addition to the cabin, all finished in 2001. The home has 800 square feet with two bedrooms and family room. There is a 12 x 24 garage on the property also. \$58,000 #4890

Fine quality workmanship throughout! Stunning entrance into the 16 x 28 "Great Room" with beautiful cedar cathedral ceilings. A large snack bar divides the living room from the kitchen. The spacious oak kitchen is a chef's dream come true. 1,120 square feet with three bedrooms and two baths. \$125,000 #5033



Reasonable priced two bedroom mobile home featuring a covered porch, two car heated garage and storage shed, located ten minutes west of Grayling 1/2 mile from the snowmobile trails. Enjoy the serene Northern Michigan life from this affordable property. Immediate Occupancy. \$38,900 #5035

Two bedroom manufactured home with a two car garage and RV storage building, located 1.5 miles north of Frederic 1/2 mile from the snowmobile trail. Enjoy the serene Northern Michigan life from this affordable property. Immediate Occupancy. \$77,000 #5038



This multi-level home has 1968 square feet with three bedrooms. The home offers oak cabinets, large master bath, family room, soap stone wood stove, main level laundry, tile floors, and a two car garage. The home is situated on 1.7 acres. \$114,900 #4928

Because when it comes to getting more for your family, consider it done.

A message from the Internal Revenue Service.

www.irs.gov/eitc
The Internal Revenue Service

CROSSWORD ANSWERS

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Mercy Hospital, Grayling, a wonderful hospital located in the heart of the beautiful North Central area of Michigan has full time openings at our Medical Surgical Hospital for a Certified Respiratory Therapist to provide quality respiratory therapy for our patients. Must be a graduate of an AMA approved school of respiratory therapy technician program. Some relevant experience preferred. We offer competitive wages and excellent fringe benefits our flexible scheduling includes 12-hour shifts. Interested persons please contact: Human Resources, Mercy Hospital, Grayling, 1100 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling, Michigan. Phone Number (989) 348-0570. Fax (989) 348-0485 e-mail feldmaa@trinity-health.org (-13/3)

CLINICAL ASSISTANT
Medical Offices, RN, LPN, CMA We are seeking persons to fill full-time Clinical Assistant positions, in our medical offices in Prudenville and Grayling. The candidate will assist Medical Practitioners providing care to the medical office patients. RN, LPN (must have NAPNES or equivalent) or Certified Medical Assistant. Prefer medical office and phlebotomy experience. We offer competitive wages and the opportunity to become part of a team of caring health care professionals. Interested persons please contact: Mercy Hospital, Grayling, 1100 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling, Michigan. Phone (989) 348-0528. Fax (989) 348-0485 (-13/3)

THE MICHIGAN HISTORICAL MUSEUM has summer positions (May 15-mid-August) for historical interpreters in the Upper and Lower Peninsulas. Must be able to pass drug test and enjoy working with the public. \$7 an hour. Application is available at www.michigan.gov/hal. Deadline is March 1, 2003 or until all positions are filled. For details call 517-241-2381 or e-mail to JoAnn Carroll at carrollja@michigan.gov (-6-13-20-27/3)

DOLL REPAIR Kiln firing, and doll supplies. Call (989) 348-8350 (12/12/02tf/4)

I CHARGE BY THE JOB, not by the hour Winter Maintenance: Shoveling snow off sidewalks, porches, decks. Shoveling snow off roofs of houses, garages, trailers, sheds and stacking wood. (989) 348-5081 (-13/4)

FOR NEW HOME CONSTRUCTION, add-on, garages, pole buildings, renovation, repairs, window and door replacement, roofing, siding. Metal roofs and ceramic tile, hardwood flooring. Call Cross Roads Construction, 6280 Atkinson Rd., Grayling, Michigan. Call (989) 344-0238 or (734) 644-6640 today for a complimentary consultation. (7/4/02tf/4)

ROOF SNOW REMOVAL 15 years experience. Call for a free estimate. (989) 348-5848 or (989) 942-7303 (cell). (-6-13/4)

DRIVER'S TRAINING & Road Testing is offered by the Grayling Drivers Training School. Register now for the April 8 class. Contact Howard Lehti (989) 348-8838. (LR4/3/03/4)

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ROOF, SNOW REMOVAL Quality work, 20 years experience. Call or leave message. (989) 348-9703 or (989) 348-8440 (2/6/02tf/4)

PIANO TUNING AND REPAIRS Rogers Piano Service, Fairview, MI 48621. Over 20 years experience. (989) 848-2262. (-13-27/4)

SNOWPLOWING Also roof, snow and ice removal will beat any price. Please call (989) 348-5817. (-16-23-30-6-13-20/4)

CREATIVE MEMORIES SCRAPBOOKING Supplies workshops or classes. Call Susan McCurdy. (989) 348-8953 (LR3/27/03/4)

TOM'S POLE BUILDINGS Free quotes on all size buildings. Featuring Ultra 2000 siding & roofing. 4050 Industrial Dr., Harrison, Michigan 1 (800) 541-3974 tomspolebuildings.com (2/7/012tf/4)

5 For Sale
CRAFTSMAN 8 HP 26" Snow Thrower Track-drive self-propelled (like a tank for superb traction), electric start and headlight. Asking \$450 Call (989) 344-8888. (-13/5)

AMISH LOG BED and queen pillowtop mattress set. New in plastic. Cost \$900, sacrifice for \$225. Call (989) 539-3910 or (989) 429-0062. (-6-13/5)

AVALANCHE OFFICE HOURS: Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. 102 Michigan Avenue, Grayling. (989) 348-6811

HAND-CRAFTED QUILT DISTRIBUTOR Going Out of Business. Once in a lifetime chance to buy hand-crafted quilts at factory-made prices. I have approximately 100 hand-crafted quilts at my home in Grayling. Buy one quilt or buy them by the dozens. Call Susan at (989) 344-8888. (-13/5)

THREE HORSES KING Nine-year-old Quarterhorse Gelding Sorrel good temperament. Spot in right eye. Needs good home. \$1,000. Jaylee-13-year-old Appaloosa Registered Mare Chestnut, beautiful horse handles very well good temperament \$1,900. Blizzard 12-year-old thoroughbred Gelding Grey Dapple handles well. \$1,400 (989) 348-5491 ask for Bart. (23-30-6-13/5)

DRY OAK FIREWOOD Split and delivered. \$45 a face cord, two cord minimum. (989) 348-1870 after 6:00. 619-0912 work. (LR5/1/03/5)

J. DAP HAS the perfect Valentine's present for your someone special. Italian Charm Bracelets. They can be personalized to suit each individual! Stop by soon! J. Dap Co. is located at 118 Michigan Ave., in Grayling. (-13-13/5)

ARE YOU A SKIER or you would like to learn how to ski? Skylines After School Special on Friday's from 3:30 - 9:00 is for you. Lift tickets are \$7. Ski rentals are \$7 and get a free meal. If you've never tried skiing, take advantage of these discounted rates and we will provide a free group lesson if you make arrangements ahead of time. Call (989) 275-5445 Skyline Ski and Country Club. Just north of Higgins Lake off I-75, Exit 251. (-6-13-20/8)

4 X 8 Lighted Signs and or tables and chairs for special occasions. Trash barrels for sale at Fick & Sons, Grayling. (989) 348-7647 or 1-800-292-9295. (7/25/02tf/7)

BEAUTIFUL ADULT SIAMESE MIX CAT Free to good home. Inside cat, declawed, spayed, all shots. Must get rid of due to allergies. (989) 348-4920 (-13/7)

8 Announcements

SNOW AND COLD WEATHER got you down? Tired of shoveling? Need some excitement? Come to J. Dap Co. 118 Michigan Ave. every Saturday in February and March for make it and take it Bead Projects from 12 p.m. - 3 p.m. Make a beaded bracelet, necklace, key chain or earrings, as a gift or for yourself. Supplies are available or feel free to bring your own. Make your first bracelet for as low as \$4.00 (-13/8)

FOLKS INTERESTED in Model Railroading. Second meeting, Tuesday, February 18 from 6-8 p.m. Location: Grayling Free Methodist Church, 6352 M-72 West. Any questions (989) 348-1185 (-13/8)

SKYLINE RESTAURANT SPECIALS Thursday night, 8 oz. Prime Rib dinner \$9.95. Friday night all you can eat Deep Fried Icelandic Cod Fillet dinner \$9.95. Pan Fried Lake Perch or Walleye dinner \$11.99. Deep Fried Breaded Cod Basket \$5.99. Saturday night BBQ rib, 1/2 slab \$9.95, full slab \$12.95. 12 oz. Ribeye steak \$12.95. All dinners are served with salad bar soup and potato. Other specials served daily. (989) 275-5445 (10/24/02tf/8)

9. Personals

NOVENA TO ST. JUDE May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved, now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us. St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us. St. Jude, helper of the hopeless, pray for us. Say this prayer nine times a day for nine days. By the eighth day, your prayer will be answered. Publication must be promised. Thank you, St. Jude. 3X (-13/9)

ADVERTISING DEADLINES: Regular Display - 1/2 to full page, 5 p.m. Thursday, All others 5 p.m. Friday. Classified Display - 12 noon Monday, Classified by the word "12 noon Tuesday. These deadlines may change with notice due to holidays or special publication.

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9. Personals

Happy 16th Josh!
on February 15th
Love,
Mom, Dad & Jeremy

Happy 16th Birthday
Justin
February 17
Love Mom, Dad and Family
DRIVE SAFE

PUBLIC NOTICE

Northeast Michigan Consortium Workforce Investment Act Incumbent Worker Training Program

Northeast Michigan Consortium is soliciting proposals from qualified educational agencies and training providers for an Incumbent Worker Training Program for private sector employers. Programs funded with these dollars are strongly suggested to be patterned after the Economic Development Job Training (EDJC) grants as funded by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation.

Incumbent Workers are currently employed workers who need training to advance or avert layoffs. Training may be in basic skills, occupational skills or customized training and may include "soft skills" as part of an overall "package."

Funding is anticipated to be approximately \$43,500 from the Workforce Investment Act through the Michigan Department of Career Development. Proposals will be accepted beginning with receipt of this notice and will continue to be accepted anytime thereafter, until funding is no longer available. A priority will be given to proposals received by February 18, 2003. Acceptable proposals received after that date will be funded on a first come first request basis. Due to the short timeframe, proposals should be concise and no more than five pages in length.

Request for proposals should be made to Terry L. Basel, Michigan Works! Northeast Consortium, P.O. Box 711, Onaway, Michigan 49765. Disk copies are available upon request. A priority will be given to proposals received by February 18, 2003, by 12:00 p.m. at the Northeast Michigan Consortium, Onaway, Michigan.

The release of this notice and initiation of the procurement of training providers does not require Northeast Michigan Consortium to award funding or programs and may terminate this process in whole or in part at any time.

An Equal Opportunity Employer/Program. Auxiliary aids and services will be made available upon request to individuals with disabilities. Michigan Relay Center 1-800-649-3777 (voice and TTY)

Child's Name: _____
Birthday: _____
Parent's Name(s): _____
Grandparent's Name(s): _____
Contact Person's Name: _____
Phone #: _____

Avalanche P.O. Box 490, Grayling MI 49738
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PRAYER TO THE Blessed Virgin (never known to fail) - most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God. Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. O, Star of the Sea, help me and show me that You are my Mother. O, Holy Mary, Mother of God. Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to help me in my necessity. (Make your request). There are none that can withstand your power. O, Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to you. (Three times). Holy Mary, place this prayer in your hands. (Three times). Say this prayer for three consecutive days and then publish it and it will be granted to you. Grateful thanks. 3x (-13/9)

PRAYER To the Holy Spirit, You, who make me see everything and show me the way to reach my ideal. You who give me the divine gift to forgive and forget the wrong that is done to me and You who are in all instances of my life with me. I, in this short dialogue, want to thank You for everything and confirm once more that I never want to be separated from You no matter how great the material desire may be. I want to be with You and my loved ones in Your perpetual glory. Amen. Thank You for your love towards me and my loved ones. Person must pray this three consecutive days without asking for a wish. After third day, your wish will be granted, no matter how difficult it may be. Promise to publish this dialogue as soon as your favor has been granted. 3x (-13/9)

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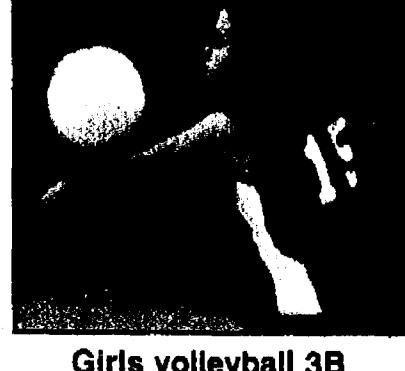
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School board votes 6-1 to close Frederic Elementary

by Susan Warrington
Staff Writer

The Crawford AuSable School Board made a decision Monday night on a troublesome issue that is facing school boards throughout the state. With schools facing at least an eleven percent funding cut next year, boards are looking for ways to trim their budgets. One way is closing school buildings.

The board had met just the previous Wednesday, February 5 with approximately 70 residents of Frederic and Maple Forest to answer their questions and listen to their concerns regarding the possible closure of Frederic Elementary. The board received resolutions from both Frederic and Maple Forest Township at these meetings stating that the closing of Frederic Elementary would be devastating to the community. One section of the Maple Forest resolution stated "Maple Forest Township feels that Frederic Elementary School is of vital enough importance to mention it in chapter 3 of our master plan."

When Board President Karl Schreiner announced the second reading on the proposed closing, Board Treasurer John Pilon asked to speak first. He read a prepared statement to the audience (text follows). He said it was fiscally responsible to vote in favor of the recommended closing.

Trustee Marilyn Rosi thanked the people of Frederic for coming to meetings to express their concerns. Past transfers have been successful, Rosi said. She added this transfer needs support

from parents so that it can be a positive experience for all.

Board Vice President Carol Ramaswamy echoed those sentiments.

Secretary Melvin "Pat" Nunn said he has real feelings for the community of Frederic but he agreed with Pilon that closing the school was the right thing to do.

Trustee Gary Pettyjohn said he had had no idea how hard this decision would be, but he couldn't live with himself if the board dug a financial hole "one we can't get out of."

Trustee James Tobin was the only board member who said he was not in favor of closing Frederic Elementary. He said the proposed closing would "cut the essence - the very foundation out of the community."

The roll call vote for closing Frederic Elementary was 6 aye, 1 nay.

Frederic parent Michelle Stanley said she was very disappointed with the vote and hoped the closure was for only one year. She also expressed the hope that the administration will work with parents regarding busing which concerns many parents in the Frederic area.

Stanley also said she felt the Frederic Elementary parents got a bit of a scolding at the meeting. She said it is not up to just the Frederic parents to help ensure the transfer is a positive experience. Parents of elementary students throughout the district should work to ensure the smooth transition.

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Deputy says he owes his life to the Sheriff



Photo courtesy of the Crawford County Sheriff's Office

Frederic Fire Chief Doug Pratt (in white helmet) and firefighter Jamey Owens check on the condition of Crawford County Sheriff Deputy Jason Alexander after his patrol car was rear-ended in whiteout conditions by a large tow truck February 4 on northbound I-75. This is the second accident of its kind in two years where a patrol car was hit while sheriff's personnel were out on a motorist assist. Also shown first to the scene were Capt. Art Clough, Undersheriff Shawn Krayes and Frederic firefighters Ken Halstead and David Pratt.

by Cheryll Rulley
Staff Writer

No one knows what would have happened had the patrol car 23-year old Deputy Jason Alexander was driving last week not undergone recall work in December.

For the second time in two years, a Crawford County Sheriff's patrol car was struck from behind while assisting motorists who slid off the road

during heavy snowfall.

At about 4:16 p.m. on February 4, Deputy Alexander was sitting in his cruiser on the shoulder of the highway. He had just finished writing a ticket for one of two drivers he was assisting near the 267 mile marker on northbound I-75, when he was struck from behind by a large semi wrecker. Visibility was down to just a few yards due to lake effect

snow.

"All I remember was all of a sudden there was smoke in the car, and glass... and when I looked down there was blood on my hands," Alexander said. The collision threw him to the floor of the cruiser.

The smoke Alexander described was not smoke at all. It was the fire-fighting powder built into a fire panel installed on December 11, 2002 to pro-

ect the gas tank of the Ford Crown Victoria.

Ford Motor Company began performing the recall work on police cruisers after 13 officers around the country died when their cars burst into flames following collisions similar to what happened to Alexander.

According to Ford, none of the cars which have received the

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It's hockey time!



Photo courtesy of Tom Wellman

An estimated 40 to 50 kids play hockey on the ice rink created by volunteers near the Grayling Middle School, but there are some problems with the location. Parks Committee member Tom Wellman would like to see a new rink built near the new city hall and the SeaBees have offered to build it.

by Cheryll Rulley
Staff Writer

The ice rink created the last two years on school property by volunteers is a very popular spot. Two or three times each day, 40-50 kids play hockey

there, providing a needed recreation opportunity for area youth.

Parks Committee member Tom Wellman has been heading up the work on the rink for the past two years and is proud of

the results, but he said the time is now to make the decision to build a new one on city property, instead of school property.

Wellman suggests the new

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Little Gypsy lives up to her name

by Cheryll Rulley

Staff Writer

Little did Dick and Jeri Selthoffer know that their little beagle would one day live up to her name -- Gypsy.

On February 1, Dick was out with Gypsy, hunting in the North Wakeley Bridge Road and County Road 612 area, near Lovells, when they became separated. Over the next six days, the Selthoffers spent hours driving the back roads and trails looking for their beloved pet.

Only 13 inches tall and weighing only 20 pounds, the dog was no match for the bitter cold temperatures and heavy snowfall Crawford County has experienced recently. Or, so the Selthoffers thought.

Missing Gypsy terribly, Jeri and Dick created and distributed flyers around the county. Soon calls began coming in from people who believed they had seen the little dog.

Some had even tried to talk her into trusting them, but she proved too shy and would run away.

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Photo courtesy of Dick and Jeri Selthoffer

Dick Selthoffer holds his little dog, Gypsy, who lived up to her name recently when she traveled all over the county for six days before being found.

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Governor's 'Great Start' applauded by educators

► Granholm fails to address crucial issue of funding law enforcement

by Corbin Sullivan
Capital News Service

LANSING -- Crawford County officials see positive change ahead in education and environmental policy, while bracing for budget shortfalls following Gov. Jennifer Granholm's first State of the State address.

Granholm emphasized a need to push through the difficulty of dealing with a state budget that's \$285 million short this year.

"Only challenge produces the opportunity for greatness," Granholm said. "Michigan, we are challenged."

She blamed the Engler administration for budget shortfalls, but said her administration would do everything possible to ensure a balanced budget for the future.

"I will have to cut deep to do so," the governor warned.

Among areas where Granholm urged the need for change, she cited education as the most important if the state is to succeed economically in the long term.

"Good teaching is the key to

our economic well-being," Granholm said. "A cut to education is a cut to the heart."

Her education initiatives take root in the Great Start program she proposed in the speech. Great Start would emphasize education before children reach school age. The years from birth to the age of five are the most important in a child's future educational development, according to Granholm.

106th District Rep. Matthew Gillard (D-Alpena) saw Granholm's education initiative as a swift way to improve Michigan's schooling.

"Her program is one that can be implemented quickly," Gillard said.

He also mentioned much of the funding for Great Start would come from the private sector, so it won't create a drastic increase in state or local spending.

Crawford AuSable School District Superintendent Milli Haug was excited by Granholm's promises about education.

"I do believe she really intends to help us improve our system," Haug said. "I like the teeth she's putting into the truancy situation."

Granholm proposed the state not allow students to get their driver's license if they drop out

of school or are chronically truant.

Haug did identify some concerns that were not addressed in the speech, including home schooling. "I hope she covers the home schooling situation, because it's not well regulated now, and I think it makes it easier for kids to drop out."

The Crawford AuSable School District also faces the possibility of severe funding cuts in the next year. Haug said the best case scenario would be an 11 percent cut. That would take \$1.5 million out of a \$16 million budget for the upcoming school year. Some staff and learning programs will be cut, Haug said.

Gillard mentioned other points in Granholm's speech that could prove helpful to the Crawford County area.

For example, Gillard applauded the governor's proposal to strictly regulate out-of-state and Canadian trash that is brought to Michigan landfills.

Gillard co-sponsored legislation to tackle the issue of out-of-state dumping, which he said could be a future problem for Crawford County.

There is no out-of-state dumping in Crawford County currently because the landfills are not approved for as wide a range of waste as others in the state. As

other state landfills begin to overflow, Crawford County could see trash coming its way.

"It's an issue that can and will be addressed," Gillard said.

One problem in Crawford County that Granholm didn't cover was police support. The county depends on state police to provide part of its daytime and evening road patrol and all of the midnight police coverage outside of the city of Grayling. Some already see the coverage as insufficient, but more cuts could be on the way.

"I want the people making the cuts to realize the need in the northern counties," Gillard said: "It's the only road patrol in some places."

Grayling City Manager Allen Lowe agreed, saying, "This whole area is really underserved by state government and state police."

The Grayling area will survive further state budget cuts, said Lowe, but it will take creative planning.

"We're just about to go into our budget process," Lowe said. "We simply won't be able to budget for anything unless we know we have that money."

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FOOT NOTES

by Ronald K. Olm, D.P.M.

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P.S. Treatment for tendonitis primarily involves rest to relieve pain and swelling.

Judge sends two-time home invader to prison

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

Circuit Court Judge Dennis Murphy showed little compassion for a two-time felon when he sentenced an Owosso man to 30 to 180 months in state prison for breaking into two Crawford County homes last August.

Eric Alan Atkins received his sentence on February 6 after telling Judge Murphy the reason he broke into the homes and took over \$2,500 in electronics, camping gear, power tools and other items was because he had just started work after being laid off and still needed money.

Atkins pled guilty to one charge of second degree felony home invasion at his arraignment last month in exchange for the dismissal of a second count of the same charge.

In a written confession to the Sheriff's Office, Atkins admitted he planned to take the stolen goods downstate to sell at pawn shops. He used a knife to pry open windows and screens to gain entry to both homes.

Judge Murphy asked the 28-year-old how he picked the two Stephan Bridge Road residences

for break-ins, and Atkins replied, "It was the spur of the moment. I saw the houses and nobody was home."

Crawford County Prosecutor John Huss said Atkins shows a pattern of felonious activity and recommended he receive a three-year prison sentence. "Maybe he will think about it before doing it again," Huss remarked. The maximum penalty for the crime is 15 years in prison and/or a \$3,000 fine.

Huss said most of the property was recovered with the exception of about \$90 in loose change and a flashlight.

Damage to windows and screens amounted to about \$200, but Huss said the homeowners are not seeking restitution.

Prior to the break-ins, Atkins relocated to the Grayling area and was staying with family members near the targeted homes in South Branch Township. Atkins got off probation in April, 2001 after serving 10 months in jail for felony breaking and entering downstate.

"Didn't they treat you tough

enough the first time?" asked Judge Murphy. "You got off pretty easy. How long do you think it would take for you to learn not to do this again?"

Atkins answered in a questioning tone, "Twenty-four months?"

"You have committed two felonies and four misdemeanors for a total of six crimes," Judge Murphy stated. "Do you enjoy spending time in court? Don't you enjoy jumping in the car and going to the movies on a Saturday night? You know you can't do anything if you're in jail. Why did you break and enter again?"

"I needed money to get a vehicle," Atkins answered.

"Everybody needs money," Judge Murphy said, "but, not everyone breaks into a home to get it."

Atkins learned his sentence and Judge Murphy added, "When you get out, you'll be 30. Then, maybe, you will be ready to do things right. Ten months didn't do any good; maybe 30 months will work... and you will serve the entire 30 months."

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Counselor pleads guilty to impaired driving

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

Crawford AuSable School's elementary school counselor David Clyde Holzbauer pled guilty February 4 in 83rd District Court to the lesser charge of misdemeanor impaired driving, after Crawford County Prosecutor John Huss agreed to dismiss two original charges of misdemeanor drunk driving in exchange for the plea.

Holzbauer was stopped for speeding by a Crawford County Deputy on January 3 near AuSable Trail and M-72 West in Grayling Township. A roadside breath test showed Holzbauer had a .20 blood alcohol level, twice the legal limit. He was arrested for operating under the influence of liquor (OUIL) and taken to the Crawford County Jail where he posted a \$100

bond and was released.

Judge John G. Hunter accepted the plea and sentenced Holzbauer to six months probation and ordered him to enroll, within 30 days, with the Victims Impact Panel and Alcohol Highway Safety Education classes. He was also ordered to pay a \$100 fine, \$230 in court costs and \$50 to the Crime Victims Fund.

Holzbauer would have faced a sentence of up to 93 days in jail and/or \$100-\$500 fine and/or 45 days community service had he

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ISSUES AND OPINIONS



ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

Get out your scissors and join the fun

GOVERNOR JENNIFER GRANHOLM has set the standards, and the game is on: How does state government reduce spending to fit inside Michigan's nearly bare pocketbook?

In the governor's annual "State of the State" message the other day, and in other public appearances before and since, Governor Granholm has made it clear she does not favor higher taxes to balance the 2003-04 fiscal year budget, which is about \$2 billion short of expected revenues.

The alternative she favors is to cut spending.

Another standard Ms. Granholm has emphasized in her approach to governance is inclusiveness.

In her reach-out approach to her job, she promises everyone has a seat at the table.

It follows then that she would love to have suggestions from every Michiganian on how to cut state spending and balance the budget.

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IN HER OWN initial approach to cut spending, Governor Granholm has made various proposals:

Call in 1,000 state cars, limit cell phones, cut out color copying, freeze new state hires, cut all department budgets across the board by some small uniform percentage, and turn out the lights in state buildings when not in use.

She even advised to keep using old stationery with former Governor John Engler's name on it until it runs out.

Reporters and editors at *The Lansing State Journal* got into the swing of things, too, with a two-page spread listing 100 ways to cut spending and raise state revenue which they claim would produce \$1.7 billion -- almost enough to balance next year's looming budget deficit.

Some innovative ways to raise revenue included sell naming rights to state buildings like sports teams do, issue a special "Budget Crisis" license plate, sales tax on movie tickets and a 10 percent tax on tickets to college sports

events, a form of "user fee" for Canadian trash coming into Michigan.

They also suggested rescind pending cuts in the state income tax, raise the beer tax and diesel fuel tax, sell the state fairgrounds in Detroit and Escanaba as well as the conservation conference center at Higgins Lake, higher penalties for tax cheats, continue the state inheritance tax, higher fees at state parks.

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MOST OF THE 100 ideas in *The Lansing Journal*, however, were ways to save money.

Leading the list was lower pay for top state officials -- getting top elected state officials to surrender voluntarily the 40 percent pay raise over the last two years.

That includes legislators, the governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, secretary of state, supreme court justices, and judges throughout the state.

Both the executive office and legislature should "set an example" by harsh budget cuts in their own operations, the newspaper suggested. It's always a good game everyone can play.

idea to lead by doing.

Other suggestions were to close tourist welcome stations and the state film office, eliminate funding for the state board of education, early prisoner release, provide three fewer holidays for state workers and rescind scheduled state pay hikes, take away state subsidies to Amtrak, eliminate the state racing commissioner and state subsidies for a variety of horse racing purses, and on and on.

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THE POINT IS that anybody can produce lots of ways to cut state government spending or raise more money.

If a handful of reporters and editors can figure out 100 ways to cut spending and raise money and almost balance the budget, surely the folks solving the world's problems at koffee klatches around the state every morning can come up with innovative ideas, too. It's a game everyone can play.

Getting budget balancing ideas enacted into law can be an entirely different

challenge, however.

Consider that the controlling Republican leadership in the Michigan House of Representatives decided their 62 members need another \$5,000 a year for each GOP member to run his/her office.

In the real spirit of austerity, we presume, they decided the \$5,000 per office increase applies only to Republicans. No Democrats allowed. The 47 Democrats will have to make do with \$97,500 to run their offices.

Ignoring for the moment the question of fairness, with deficits at hand in the current budget and potential financial disaster looming in the new budget, this action defies both reason and responsibility.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

VIEWPOINT

by Senator Debbie Stabenow (D-Michigan)

Hometown Defense: Supporting local men and women on the frontlines

When our nation first fought for its freedom, a group of patriots banded together in defense of their hometowns. They were called the Minutemen because on a moment's notice they were ready to respond to an attack.

September the 11th showed us that the tradition of the Minutemen -- and women -- continues today. Within moments of the attack on the World Trade Towers and the Pentagon, local police, firefighters, paramedics and public safety and emergency management officials were on the scene trying to save lives and minimize the damage.

They were -- and remain -- on the front lines of hometown defense in this new war against terrorism.

For the past several months, I have been traveling throughout Michigan meeting with the public safety officials who have been given the mission of trying to prevent an attack or being the first on

the scene to save lives if one occurs.

From the Upper Peninsula to Detroit, I heard the same message over and over: "Help us get the training, personnel and equipment we need to protect the people we need to protect, and help us meet our obligations in the face of these new threats to our communities."

And I'm sure this plea is being repeated by state and local authorities across the nation. Look at all we are asking them to defend: Almost 600,000 bridges, 170,000 drinking water systems, more than 2,800 power plants -- 104 of them nuclear -- 190,000 miles of natural gas pipelines, 463 skyscrapers, nearly 20,000 miles of border -- and that doesn't count the thousands of airports, stadiums, miles of train tracks, the food supply and schools that serve more than 285 million people spread out over 3,717,792 square miles.

To get our hometown defenders the resources they need, I have co-

sponsored the Homeland Security Block Grant Act of 2003. This proposed legislation would provide \$3.5 billion in financial support to state and local governments that presently are bearing the cost of increased security alone.

Of the total amount, \$2.1 billion will go directly to 1,000 counties, cities and towns that are judged most in danger of attack because of targets -- like nuclear power plants or fuel storage facilities -- that lie within their jurisdiction.

Almost \$1 billion will be awarded to the states with the obligation that they transfer that entire amount to their smaller communities where the threat of terrorism also seems large.

Finally, \$500 million will go to the states to help develop training and coordination plans, as well as better communications both within their state and across the nation.

There is certainly a global component to the war on terrorism.

That's why I supported a 10-percent increase in funding for the military in the Defense Department last year.

But, as 9-11 showed us, defense of our homeland begins right in our hometowns and I hope the Administration will get behind our efforts to give our modern-day Minutemen and Minutewomen the support they need.

Our homeland defense will only be as strong as the weakest link at the state and local levels. By providing our communities with the resources and tools they need to bolster emergency response efforts, strengthen local public health systems, and provide for other security initiatives, we will have a better-prepared home front and a stronger America.

Supporting our local law enforcement and rescue agencies in their new responsibilities is not only critical -- failure to do so could be catastrophic.

VIEWPOINT

Washington Notes from Senator Carl Levin

Dealing with unwelcome waste

Michigan is facing an intolerable situation with regard to the importation of waste from other states and Canada.

Canada is the largest source of waste imports to Michigan. Approximately 65 truckloads of waste come in to Michigan per day from Toronto alone, and an estimated 110-130 trucks come in from Canada each day.

This problem isn't going to get any better. Ontario's waste shipments are growing as the Toronto area signs new contracts for waste disposal here and closes its two remaining landfills. At the begin-

ning of 1999, the Toronto area was generating about 2.8 million tons of waste annually, about 700,000 tons of which were shipped to Michigan. By early this year, barring unforeseen developments, the entire 2.8 million tons will be shipped to Michigan for disposal.

Why can't Canada dispose of its trash in Canada? They say that after 20 years of searching they have not been able to find a suitable Ontario site for Toronto's garbage. Ontario has about 345,000 square miles compared to Michigan's 57,000 square miles.

With six times the land mass, that argument is laughable.

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality estimates that, for every five years of disposal of Canadian waste at the current usage volume, Michigan is losing a full year of landfill capacity. The environmental impacts on landfills, including groundwater contamination, noise pollution and foul odors, are exacerbated by the significant increase in the use of our landfills from sources outside of Michigan.

I have teamed up with Senator Stabenow and Congressman Dingell to introduce legislation that would strengthen our ability to stop shipments of waste from Canada.

We have protections contained in a 17 year-old international agreement between the U.S. and Canada called the Agreement Concerning the Transboundary Movement of Hazardous Waste. The U.S. and Canada entered into this agreement in 1986 to allow the shipment of hazardous waste across the U.S./Canadian border for treatment, storage or disposal. In 1992, the two countries decided to add municipal solid waste to the agreement.

To protect both countries, the agreement requires notification of shipments to the importing country and it also provides that the importing country may withdraw

consent for shipments. Both reasons are evidence that these shipments were intended to be limited. However, the agreement's provisions have not been enforced by the United States.

Canada could not export waste to Michigan without the 1986 agreement, but the U.S. has not implemented the provisions that are designed to protect the people of Michigan. Although those of us that introduced this legislation believe that the Environmental Protection Agency has the authority to enforce this agreement, they have not done so. Our bill would require the EPA to enforce the agreement.

In order to protect the health and welfare of the citizens of Michigan and our environment, we must consider the impact of the importation of trash on state and local recycling efforts, landfill capacity, air emissions, road deterioration resulting from increased vehicular traffic and public health and the environment.

Our bill would require the EPA to consider these factors in determining whether to accept imports of trash from Canada. It is my strong view that such a review should lead the EPA to say "no" to the status quo of trash imports.

Senator Carl Levin (D) is the senior U.S. Senator from Michigan

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Their passing has brought forth the rising of the American spirit once again. I remember the Challenger tragedy and of course 9/11 will always be there.

It was President John F. Kennedy who challenged us to enter into space exploration.

There is a wall of honor at NASA where these courageous spirits who blazed a trail are listed. They made a significant contribution to the human condition and space exploration.

I am humbled by the outpouring of grief and respect for these brave space pioneers from all over the globe. Their example

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Let us celebrate their lives and the many contributions of former astronauts. It is up to us to emulate such courageous souls.

They are what America is really all about, raising the rung once again while reaching for the stars. They shuttled into space on the Columbia and their spirits are still there. We can see them every time a small child marvels at a shooting star.

Theodore P. Gomez

Frederic Lovells

Formerly of Shupac Lake

Ramona, CA

To the editor,

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Travelogue to visit mysterious India

The travelogue, "India - Beyond Imagining" will be presented by host Harlan Johnson on Thursday, February 13 at 7:30 p.m. at the Rialto Theatre on Michigan Avenue. Doors open at 6:45 p.m. Tickets may be purchased in advance or at the door and are \$7 for adults, \$6.50 for students and senior citizens. For more information, call 348-7146. The Crawford AuSable Community Cultural Events' Travel and Adventure Series is made possible by a partnership with Fick & Sons, Inc. of Grayling.

Student Senate plans pop can drive

The Grayling High School Student Senate will hold a pop can drive to benefit the Grayling Nursing Centre on Sunday, February 16. Donate your return deposit cans at the collection site to be located at Glen's Market in Grayling from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The community is encouraged to support this service project.

Local Gun Board cancels meeting

The Crawford County Gun Board meeting originally scheduled for Wednesday, February 19 has been cancelled. The next scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, March 19. For more information, contact the Crawford County Prosecutor's Office.

No downhill at Ladies Night Out

The Grayling American Business Women's Association's (ABWA) "Ladies Night Out" scheduled for Tuesday, February 18, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., at Hanson Hills Recreation Area will not include downhill skiing as originally stated. The ski hill will be closed that evening. Cross country skiing is still planned. Call Hanson Hills at 348-9266 by February 13 to reserve ski boot rental, if necessary.

Writers' group forming in Grayling

The Headwaters Writers' Group is now forming. Founder Cathy Lester said she is looking for local writers to discuss writing poems, short stories, novels, plays, monologues, and routines. Meetings will be held once or twice each month on Thursdays, Fridays or Saturdays. Those interested in joining or with questions may call Lester at (989) 348-8801.

Choir group presents 'Charlie Brown'

The Michelson Singers will present the Broadway musical, "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown," at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church, at 400 Michigan Avenue in Grayling, February 13-15 at 7 p.m. each evening. Tickets are available at the church office for \$5 each. All proceeds from the performances will help pay expenses when the Singers travel in June to Vermont for a performance at the von Trapp Mansion, Stowe Church and Burlington's city square. For more information, call 348-2974 or Director Howard Taylor at 348-5187.

Friends of Sheriff's Office forming

An organizational meeting of Friends of the Crawford County Sheriff Office will be held Wednesday, February 19 at 7 p.m. at the Grayling Township Hall. Any persons interested in forming and becoming members of this organization, whose goal will be to raise money to purchase needed equipment (such as a new patrol car) for the Sheriff's Office. Those interested, but unable to attend may call 348-8618 for more information.

Ostomy support group to meet

The Straits Area Ostomy Association will hold its regular meeting on Sunday, February 16 at 2 p.m. in the back doctor's dining room cafeteria at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey. All ostomates and interested persons are invited to attend. For more information, call (989) 821-5721.

GHS registration meeting planned

An informational meeting for parents of 8th grade students regarding registration for high school courses will be held Thursday, February 20 at 7 p.m. at the Grayling Middle School cafeteria. Parents will have the opportunity to meet their students' counselors, as well as the principal and vice principal. Topics to be covered will include curriculum, graduation requirements, co-curricular opportunities, and more.

Irish/Celtic group to perform at KCPA

"Gaelic Storm," an Irish/Celtic music and dance group, is returning to stage at Kirtland Center for the Performing Arts (KCPA) on Saturday, February 22 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$18 and \$16. For ticket reservations call the Kirtland Ticket Office at (989) 275-6777 or visit: www.kirtland.edu/kcpa.

Secretary of State closed for holiday

All branches of the Michigan Secretary of State's Office will be closed on Monday, February 17, in observance of Presidents Day and will reopen Tuesday, February 18 for regular business hours.

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Project Graduation begins pizza sale

Grayling High School senior students will be selling Little Caesar's Pizza Kits to help defray the cost of Project Graduation. All monies raised will go directly into making the lock-in party a success.

For some graduates, Project Graduation will be the only graduation party they will have. Each graduate can go home with prizes won, gifts, and fond memories of this night.

Project Graduation 2002 was held at the Grayling Armory, with 121 graduates attending. Each student received a party bag filled with free coupons, game tickets, small gifts and a T-shirt commemorating the night.

Committee members chose the theme of the Flintstones for the 2002 class, and decorated the armory with a cave, dinosaurs and the "Flintmobile." Each graduate attending received a T-shirt embossed with, "Yabba-Dabba-Doo... Class of 2002." The all-night, chaperoned party was filled with games, music, food, prizes and entertainment. All of this was made possible by contributions and fund-raising efforts throughout the school year.

The Pizza Kit sale will begin on

Public invited to discuss revision to forest plan

The U.S. Forest Service is asking the public to help revise the strategic management plan for the Huron-Manistee National Forests.

Forest Plans describe the desired condition for National Forests over a 10 to 15 year period. To participate in the revision process, attend any one of the public meetings scheduled this month or log on to the Forest Service website: www.fs.fed.us/r9/hmnf.

The Huron-Manistee held a series of "listening sessions" throughout the state in November to obtain comments regarding potential changes to the Forest Plan. At the February meetings, the Forest Service will share the comments they heard from the public and explain the revision process.

Public comments so far indicate the current Forest Plan is valid and requires only minor or moderate changes. Some management issues proposed for change include the Aspen/Early Successional Habitat, the Management of Fire, the Allowable Sale Quantity of Timber, and designation of Semiprimitive Areas.

The two national forests in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, the Hiawatha and Ottawa, are also in the Forest Plan Revision process; their efforts will also be discussed.

The goal of the Forest Plan Revision process is to formulate a management plan which reflects the needs and desires of the public. Public participation is critical to this process.

The upcoming meetings will be held 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. as follows:

February 18 at the Best Western Conference Center in Cadillac; February 19 at the Pleasant Plains Township Hall in Baldwin, and Chittenden Environmental Center in Wellston; February 20 at the Mio Community Center in Mio, and the Oscoda Library in Oscoda.

For further information, contact the Forest Planning staff at (231) 775-2421 or visit the Forest Service website stated previously.

Monday, February 10 and will run through February 24. Kits include all the ingredients to create and bake delicious and nutritious pizza, bread sticks and cookies in your own home -- anytime, day or night. All kits are individually wrapped and can be frozen for future use.

All senior students are asked to participate in this fund-raiser. Delivery of orders will be Friday, February 28.

Anyone who would like to order a pizza kit from some of the committee members, contact: Deb Helsel at 275-5759, Sue Longendyke at 348-4920, or Michele Bugyi at 348-2816.

Anyone interested in becoming an active volunteer for Project Graduation should contact any one of the three ladies listed above, or attend meetings held the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Grayling High School teachers' lounge. The next meeting is scheduled for February 12.

To make a donation by mail, make check payable to Project Graduation, and mail in care of Sue Longendyke, 208 North Park Drive, Grayling, MI 49738.

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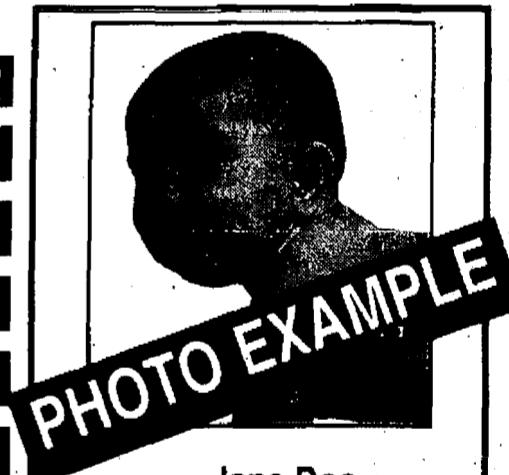
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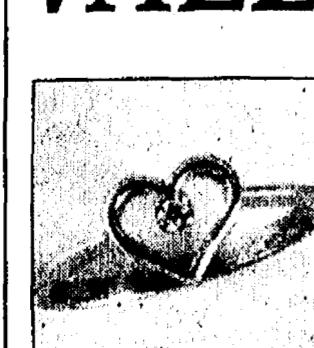
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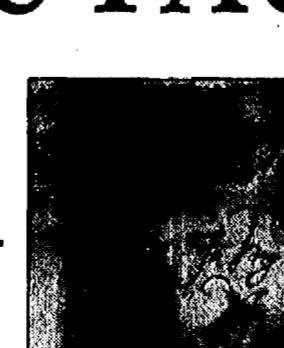
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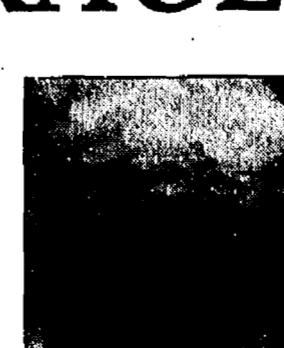
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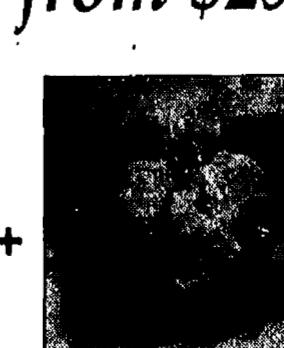
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Reagan's Fairness for God

Again we reference this review of Ronald Reagan's fairness for freedom, to quotes from Reagan's War: The Epic Story of His Forty-Year Struggle and Final Triumph Over Communism as written by Peter Schweizer. Ronald Reagan believed strongly in the fairness of the American people and even those behind the iron curtain to make fair decisions when confronted with truth. He said, "We have spent 170 years in this country on the basis that democracy is strong enough to stand up and fight against the inroads of any ideology," he said, "I believe that, as Thomas Jefferson put it, if all the American people know all of the facts they will never make a mistake."

Although he hesitated to criticize him, Reagan was uncomfortable with Senator Joseph McCarthy's approach of blanket stereotyping groups of Americans as known Communists. He believed "red-baiting" and "black-listing" of Americans was grossly unfair. Reagan believed our threat from the Communists was from their "tactics" more than their "ideology." He believed the Communists by masking their agenda "had fooled some otherwise loyal Americans into believing that the Communist Party sought to make a better world." Reagan believed Americans needed to take a more positive offensive and expose the evils of Communism by promoting our democratic principles based upon truth and freedom.

Reagan believed the Communists

were taking "advantage of our constitutional freedom to plot the death of that constitution. They are trying to operate on a 'can't lose' basis. For example, if we get so frightened that we suspend our traditional democratic freedoms in order to fight them they still have won. They have shown that democracy won't work when the going gets tough." Because McCarthy was fighting Communist ideology, Reagan said he was "using a shotgun when he should have been using a rifle. He went with a scatter gun and he lumped together fellow travelers, innocent dupes, and hard-core Communists." Reagan believed Communist ideology had no appeal to those free, intelligent, and strong, but rather to the ignorant, weak and neurotic. Reagan respected those Americans who later admitted they had been duped and used, then switched sides. He also knew many still stayed in the party out of fear.

Reagan had the same attitude of fairness and respect toward those millions of people forced to live under Communism behind the iron curtain. Reagan remembered the testimony of Whittaker Chambers about his bout with communism; how he overcame the fear of party discipline while watching his daughter sleep at night. He realized only God could have created the delicate features of her little ear. His fear was gone and he switched sides. Reagan became aware of the strong religious sentiment rest-

ing in the hearts of millions of dissidents behind the iron curtain. He supported Solidarity in Poland and did everything in his power to awaken the masses living under communism. As Reagan said of the communists, "But none not one regime has yet been able to risk free elections. Regimes planted by bayonets do not take root." Reagan became a hero to those behind the iron curtain not only because of his faith in God, but also his faith in the people that God created. Faith, freedom, and fairness are still our keys to victory. Pastor "B"

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The database, located at <http://michigancemeteries.libraryofmichigan.org> or www.michigan.gov/hal, identifies the location of over 3,700 Michigan cemeteries and lists sources at the Library of Michigan where the researcher can find the names of those buried in each cemetery.

The Library of Michigan has an incredible collection of genealogy materials, one of the largest in the nation, and this database provides another tool for navigating those resources," said State Librarian Christie Pearson Brandau. "We are committed to improving access to genealogy materials and will continue to help researchers find information by making it available online."

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Gospel concert part of Winterfest 2003

Area churches, in conjunction with Winterfest 2003, are hosting a Southern Gospel Concert at 7 p.m. on Saturday, February 15 in the Roscommon High School Auditorium.

This concert is open to every adult wearing a Winterfest 2003 badge, and children will be admitted free of charge when accompanied by an adult with a badge.

Featured in the concert will

be Bay City's Dennis Gwizdala, a southern gospel singer, songwriter and soprano saxophonist. Along with him, the Sammons Brothers gospel group, out of Woodhaven, will perform.

Rounding out the music ministry that night will be local group, Brothers With a Vision, made up of Jesse Carlson of Roscommon, and two Assembly of God pastors, Brad Withrow of Gladwin and Lawrence Cook

of Roscommon.

Winterfest 2003 badges will be available at the door for the cost of \$5 each. Other items will be available for purchase at the door, such as Winterfest 2003 sweatshirts and hats, as well as CDs and cassettes of gospel music.

For more information about the concert, call the Soul's Harbor Worship Center in Roscommon at 275-5309.

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Deputy says he owes his life to the Sheriff

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the fire panel installation have burst into flames or caught fire. "I really owe my life to the Sheriff," Alexander said. "He didn't have to have the recall work done, but he cares enough about us to make sure it happened. I am so glad to work for Sheriff Kirk Wakefield. I don't want to work for anyone else and hope I can retire out of the Crawford County Sheriff's Office."

Miraculously, Alexander received only minor injuries, though the patrol car he was driving was a total loss. He believes his bullet-proof vest may have kept him from breaking some ribs and receiving internal injuries when he hit the steering wheel.

Alexander has nothing but praise for everyone who came to his aid, especially Frederic Fire and Rescue personnel who used the Jaws of Life to get him out of his demolished car. "Everyone from Frederic and MMR were so professional and made me very comfortable."

Earlier in the day, Alexander and other Sheriff's personnel worked traffic control on I-75, just south of Grayling, when a semi-tractor trailer truck became disabled in the highway's passing lane.

Alexander said at that time he was concerned for his safety and others as the snow kept falling and traffic passed by. About two hours later, 51-year old Robert Peter of Ron's Towing in Gaylord, arrived to

take the semi off the road. It was Peter's tow truck that later struck Alexander on his way back to Gaylord.

Michigan State Police Trooper Matt Wilt reported Peter saw the flashing lights of the patrol car, but lost control of his wrecker, slamming into the car.

He was ticketed for driving too fast for conditions. Peter was not injured.

In another twist to the story, the driver Alexander ticketed ended up being an EMT who stabilized the deputy while waiting for an ambulance to arrive. Aaron Plant, age 26 out of Perrysburg, Ohio, was traveling north on I-75 on his way to his assigned duty station in St. Ignace. He is an active

member of the U.S. Coast Guard.

His driving violation was forgiven in light of his efforts at the scene and the Sheriff's Office has sent a letter on to Plant's commanding officer commanding the young man for his assistance.

Alexander said Plant "is a very nice guy" and helped out in the first moments after the crash and until he was extricated.

Deputy Alexander said he is doing fine now, is anxious to get back to work, and expects to return Monday, February 17. "I feel good knowing someone was watching out for me that day," he said. "And I am ready to get back to serving the people of Crawford County."

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46TH CIRCUIT COURT

Sentencings for January, 2003

Hon. Alton T. Davis

Todd Clark Harmer, age 42 of Grayling - Controlled substance obtained by fraud; ordered to pay \$60 to the Crime Victims Fund, \$60 DNA assessment fee, \$350 attorney fee, \$300 court costs, drivers license suspended for 180 days, and placed on 18 months probation.

Amy Marie Hart, age 30 of Roscommon - Probation violation; 80 days in jail with credit for 28 days served, discharged from probation without improvement.

Robert Allen Varco, age 34 of Frederic - Operating - OUIL/posse Third Offense; 180 days in jail with credit for two days served, ordered to pay \$60 to the Crime Victims' Fund, \$60 DNA assessment fee, \$500 fine, \$300 court costs, \$350 attorney fee, placed on 24 months probation and ordered to receive outpatient substance abuse treatment.

Hon. Richard J. Liedel

Patrick James Fisher, age 25 of Grayling - Break and enter with intent; 330 days in jail with credit for 180 days served, ordered to pay \$60 to the Crime Victims Fund, \$60 DNA assessment fee, \$300 court costs, \$500 fine, and \$350 attorney fee; vehicle used

it for 66 days served, ordered to pay \$60 to the Crime Victims Fund, \$300 court costs, \$350 attorney fee, restitution ordered in an amount to be determined, and placed on 24 months probation.

Hon. Dennis F. Murphy

John R. Ockerman, age 43 of Grayling - Operating - OUIL/posse Third Offense; 270 days in jail with credit for 18 served, ordered to pay \$60 to the Crime Victims Fund, \$60 DNA assessment fee, \$250 fine, \$300 court costs, \$350 attorney fee, and placed on 24 months probation.

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Hon. John G. Hunter

Matthew Rogel, age 37 of Alger - Alter or forge document; 90 days in jail with credit for one day served held in abeyance; ordered to pay \$60 to the Crime Victims Fund, \$60 DNA assessment fee, \$250 fine, \$300 court costs, \$350 attorney fee, and placed on 24 months probation.

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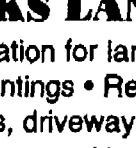
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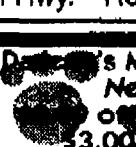
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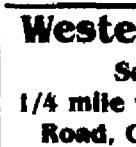
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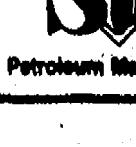
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► Rieth-Riley wins national quality award; in running for more

The National Asphalt Pavement Association (NAPA) announced recently that Rieth-Riley Construction Co., Inc. of Prudenville, has won a 2002 Quality in Construction Award for excellence in construction of an asphalt pavement.

The company received the award at a special ceremony on January 15 at the Association's 48th Annual Convention in San Diego, California.

The Quality in Construction Awards recognize Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) pavements of excellence. "NAPA selects the recipients of its paving awards using a known set of standards that have been shown to give a good result," said David B. Carlson, Chairman of the NAPA Board of Directors. "This award demonstrates the high quality of work the HMA industry is achieving."

Rieth-Riley received the recognition for its work on an 8.5 kilometer section of US-127 in Clare County.

The company milled the four-lane highway in four days, then placed 22,500 tons of HMA in just eight days. It had to work around north/south weekend restrictions on lane closures. From start to finish, the project took just two weeks.

Additionally, NAPA said Rieth-Riley has been named a finalist in the 2002 NAPA Sheldon G. Hayes Award competition for excellence in construction of an asphalt pavement.

The company was nominated

for this award for the reconstruction of a 4.47 mile stretch of I-75 near Roscommon, a route heavily traveled by people heading to tourist destinations in northern Michigan. Under the terms of its contract, Rieth-Riley had to keep certain lanes open to traffic three days a week or face penalties for lane closures.

The company did everything it could to move the job as quickly as possible, including running several operations concurrently. Rieth-Riley completed the project ahead of schedule while achieving a ride quality index of 13.3. The company received 91.3 percent of the total possible for Quality Assurance/Density/Ride bonuses.

"I've been doing this work for 28 years, and I've never had a job that clicked like this," said Tim O'Rourke, area manager for Rieth-Riley. "Everything had to go right, and it did. We had four months of winter before this project started to prepare ourselves, and we built the job in our heads a dozen times during that time. When it came to actually making it happen, we were well prepared."

The Sheldon G. Hayes Award winner is determined through a two-year process. Highway pavement projects using more than 50,000 tons of HMA are eligible for consideration. Initially, they must win a Quality in Construction (QIC) Award, which is determined by numerical scores given by pavement engineers at the National Center for Asphalt Technology (NCAT) on the basis of how well the contractor met the specifications and achieved density on the finished pavement. All the pavements that meet a benchmark figure are given the QIC award.

The year after a project wins a QIC Award, it may be considered for the Sheldon G. Hayes Award. The top-ranked projects from each year are tested for smoothness, experience in the industry. This year, the evaluators praised the contestants for high-quality construction practices resulting in smooth, safe, and durable pavements.

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Kirtland, Lake Superior State enter agreement

► Accelerated degree program now offered to business students

Kirtland Community College and Lake Superior State University have agreed on a unique articulation agreement leading to bachelor's degrees in business administration.

Students can complete their four-year degrees in either marketing or management through an accelerated degree program that allows students to take their first five semesters of credit at Kirtland and the final three semesters in a single calendar year at Lake Superior State. A public university of 3,200 students, Lake Superior State is in Sault Ste. Marie, less than a three-hour drive north of Kirtland's Roscommon campus.

Both college presidents, Dr. Betty Youngblood of Lake Superior State and Dr. Charles Rorie of Kirtland, signed the agreement with other college officials Thursday at Kirtland.

"We think this is a very important agreement for us because it allows us to serve more students by making it easier to transfer," Youngblood said.

"This will be a great advantage to our students," Rorie said.



Photo courtesy of Kirtland Community College

From left, KCC Dean of Instruction and Educational Services Richard Silverman, Dr. Charles Rorie, KCC president; Dr. Betty Youngblood, LSSU president; and LSSU Provost Bruce Harger sign an articulation agreement to offer business students an accelerated degree program.

"because it allows them to take private institutions," she said. "all but the last year here."

Richard Silverman, Kirtland's dean of instruction and educational services, and Lake Superior State Provost Bruce Harger also believe Kirtland students will enjoy Lake Superior State because it will allow them to remain in Northern Michigan -- and at a smaller institution.

"Students can save a great deal in tuition expenses, which can be a financial drag at some of the

cials said.

Kirtland and Lake Superior also have an articulation agreement for criminal justice students.

For more information about the business administration transfer program, phone Lake Superior's John Erkkila at (888)-800-5778, Ext. 2108, or Kirtland's Grenkowicz at (989) 275-5000, Ext. 219. Visit the colleges' websites at: www.kirtland.edu and www.lssu.edu.

Irish/Celtic dance group to perform at KCPA

A February 22 performance of "Gaelic Storm" is scheduled at the Kirtland Center for the Performing Arts, sponsored by Bank One.

According to Gary Carton, Director of the Kirtland Center for the Performing Arts, it is because of local business support that the Kirtland Center is able to bring national entertainment groups to the Center to perform for local audiences.

Nominated as "performers of the year" in 1999 and 2000 by

the National Association of Campus Activities, Gaelic Storm -- an Irish/Celtic group -- has garnered a huge following among college students from Hawaii to New Hampshire. A mini-documentary about Gaelic Storm airs regularly on cable and

satellite paid channel Cinemax, and the band has appeared numerous times on national TV.

Gaelic Storm has thundered onto stages around the world, astounding audiences with their explosive performance.

Featured as the "Steerage Party

Band" in the blockbuster hit movie Titanic, Gaelic Storm has proven they can keep the party rocking long after the credits have rolled. Their dynamic stage show features rousing, upbeat vocals, wild energetic dance tunes, haunting ballads and infectious madcap humor.

Featuring new songs, new attitude and new members, along with original members Steve Twigger, Shep Lonsdale, Stephen Wehmeyer, and Patrick Murphy.

Gaelic Storm will be in concert on February 22 at 8 p.m. at the Kirtland Center for the Performing Arts at Kirtland Community College. For ticket reservations, call the Kirtland Ticket Office at (989) 275-6777 or check out the KCPA web site at www.kirtland.edu/kcpa.

New nursing program to be available online

ROSCOMMON -- Kirtland Community College's renowned nursing program has marshaled its forces with two other colleges to offer a new "RN from LPN Online Program" beginning this fall.

The new program, the result of an alliance between Kirtland, Kalamazoo Valley Community College and Monroe County Community College, was approved recently by the Michigan State Board of Nursing and is available to LPNs who have completed prerequisite courses, said Kirtland Associate Dean Karen Brown.

It's a one-year program that is provided largely, though not completely, online. The three colleges received a grant from the Kellogg Foundation through the Michigan Community College Collaborative to develop the program.

"This program will enable many LPNs to return to school to become prepared for registered nurse licensure, many who would be unable to attend a traditional college nursing program," Brown said.

Interested LPNs who would like to learn more should watch their mailbox. All LPNs in Michigan soon will receive information in the mail about the program. It has been approved to accept 45 students each year, but will begin this fall by admitting up to 25 students, Brown said.

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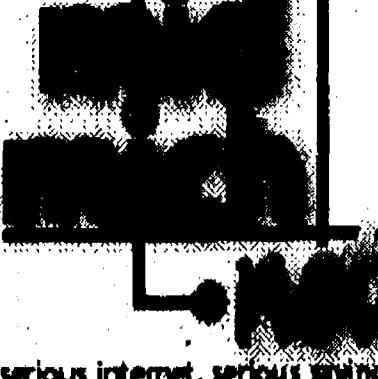
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OBITUARIES

Lulu Belle Zacek

Sept. 5, 1936 - Feb. 6, 2003

Lulu Belle Zacek, age 66, of Roscommon, died Thursday, February 6 at Mercy Hospital, Grayling. She was born on September 5, 1936 in McBain to William and Susie (Wheeler) Pollington.

The former Lulu Belle Pollington was married to Joseph Zacek on July 28, 1972 in Flint.

Mrs. Zacek, previously from Mt. Morris, lived in Grayling for 20 years and was a homemaker who loved to crochet, sew and watch television. She also liked to travel and play bingo. She was a member of the Grayling Moose Lodge.

She was preceded in death by her parents, William and Susie Pollington; two sisters, Fae Van Haitsma and Dorothy Bowling; two brothers, Ray Pollington and Harold Pollington.

Surviving Mrs. Zacek is her husband, Joseph, two daughters, Ruth (Marco) Dias of Clinton Township, Kathy (Gary) Erway of Flint, four sons, Billy (Lila) Canfield of Sand Lake, Richard Canfield of Hardyville, VA, Jerry (Cathy) Canfield of Richmond VA, Tim (Tina) Canfield of Elmira; 15 grandchildren; two great granddaughters; one sister, Ethylen (Harold) Anderson of Roseville; four brothers, Bernard (Ann) Pollington of Marion, Claude (Ruth) Pollington of Marion, Lyle (Alice) Pollington of McBain and Les Pollington of McBain.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, February 9 at Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Chaplain Karen Henderlong officiated. Burial was at Beaver Creek Township Cemetery.

Arrangements by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

John Hudaski

Jan. 10, 1924 - Dec. 24, 2002
John Hudaski, age 78, of Grayling, died December 24, 2002.

Military honors will be conducted Saturday, February 15 at 12 noon, in the chapel at Fairview Cemetery, St. Helen.

Arrangements Walsh Funeral Home, Roscommon.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 65 complaints the week of February 3-9:

Fourteen traffic accidents, two accidents - all other, two civil matter disputes - family trouble, one suspicious situation, one lost and found property, 18 general non-criminal, one delinquent minors, one snowmobile incident, six false alarm activations, one assault/intimidation/stalking, three larceny, one motor vehicle theft, one damage to property, one child neglect, five public peace/disorderly, one operating under the influence of liquor (OUIL)/unlawful blood alcohol level (UBAL), three health and safety, one driving violations/driving while license suspended (DWLS), etc., one driving on revoked/suspended/refused license, one fail to file PL & PD insurance.

For more information, log on to: www.crawfordsheriff.org.

LIBRARY NEWS

Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library Memorial Books, 2003

For George Hammond from David and Janice Weissenborn *Founding Fish*.

For Edward C. Kucharek from Cornell Agency Inc. *MacArthur's World and Dogs Have the Strangest Friends*.

For Catherine Morgan from Pat and Peter Schmid *Fishing Lure Collectibles, Fishing Essentials For Dummies, Complete Idiot's Guide To Fishing Basics*.

For Cindy Calkins from W. Jack and Kathleen Lund *Cake Mix Doctor*.

For Harold Jostock from Friends of The American Legion *Tanks, Military Trucks, Humvees*.

For John D. Voelker from Adam J. Tsaloff *Trout Madness*.

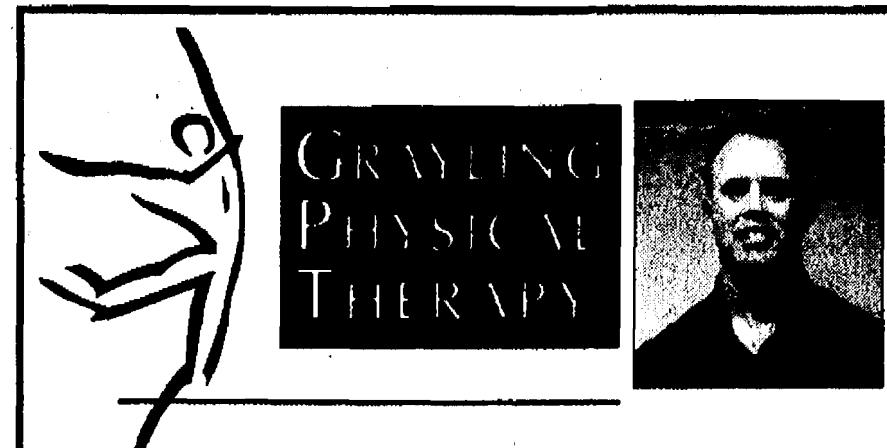
For Frances Fick from Don and Rae Ann Schanz, *Making Decorative Boxes*, from George

and Evelyn Kent, *Style On A Budget and Better Homes and Gardens Gifts To Make, and from County Line Antiques Club Beautiful Roses, Ragwork, Children's Gardens*.

Many memorials were received for Merle Carlson, donors included Arlene Czuba, Paul Lerg, Carole & Marvin Hallett, Geraldine & Douglas Fleming, Ron & Carolyn Rakoczy, Bob & Mat Mullenix, Charlotte & Dexter Oliver, James & Doris Davis, Robert & Sonya Carlson, Jim & Joyce Kolka, Jim & Nancy Hatfield, Lynn Morris, Kurt & Diane Kolka, Jolene Amo, Wendell & Christina Mitchell, Hobby Club Gals & Friends, Sherri Cole and Grayling Lioness Clubs. Items purchased are *Hawaii, Just Give Me Jesus, Princess Aasta, Night Dancer, Jam and Jelly, Chesapeake Blue, Owen Foote Super Spy, Nory Ryan's Song, Amber Brown Wants Extra*

Credit, Young Cam Jansen and the Lost Tooth, Cam Jansen and the School Play, Locked In the Library, Snow Queen, Secret Life of Amanda K. Woods.

For Reverend William A. Fraser from Don and Rae Ann Schanz *A Long Way From Home*, from Friends Jewish Encyclopedia Of Mortal and Ethical Issues, *Build Me An Ark, Journey Of The Pink Dolphins, Future of Life, Shamans of Prehistory*.



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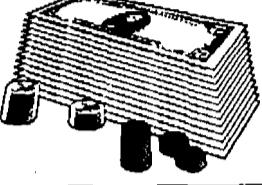
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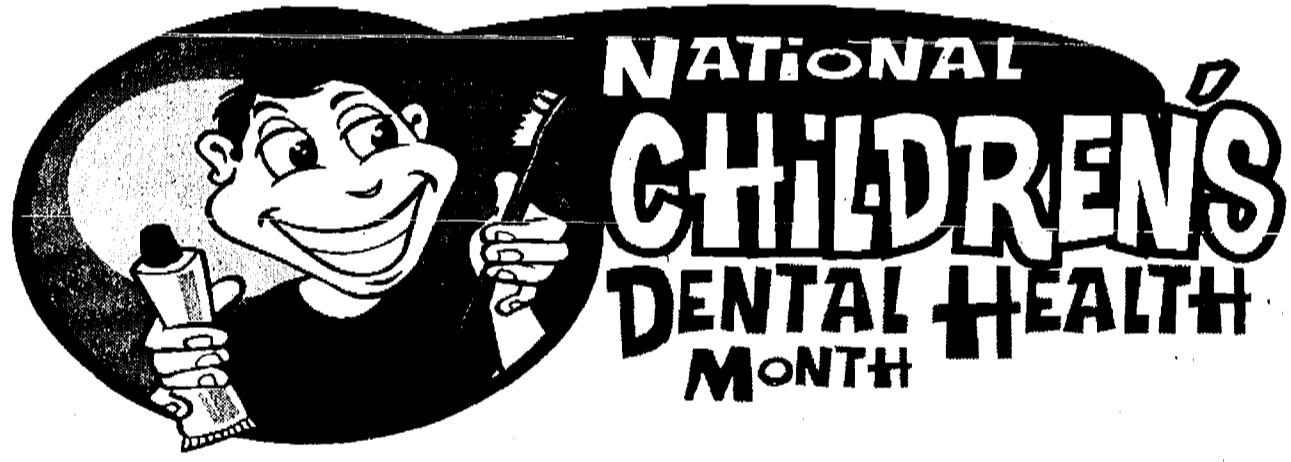
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- Schedule the first visit to the dentist by age 3, and return at the intervals he dentist recommends.
- Talk to your child's dentist about fluoride.
- When your child's permanent molars come in, the dentist may want to discuss applying sealants if the pits and fissures in them are deep.
- Allow your child to chew only sugarless gum. Have him or her avoid lollipops and other sticky candy.
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MSP crime lab under new leadership

The Michigan State Police recently announced the promotion of Connie J. Swander to Laboratory Director at the Grayling Forensic Crime Laboratory, effective February 2.

Prior to her promotion, Swander served as a forensic scientist at the lab for 18 years.

As director of the Grayling Laboratory, Swander will be responsible for the administration of both the Grayling and Marquette laboratories, which serve police agencies in northern lower Michigan and the Upper Peninsula.

Prior to joining the department in 1985, Swander served as a laboratory scientist and medical technologist at Mercy Hospital in Grayling, W.A. Foote Hospital in Jackson, and at Addison Community Hospital in Addison.

Swander holds an associate's degree in medical technology from Elkhart Institute of Technology and a bachelor's degree in biological sciences from Siena Heights College.

Swander has testified as an expert witness approximately 180 times in her career, including during the May 2001 Piehl murder trial. She has taught various forensic science topics at Kirtland Community College, Northwestern Community College, Northern Michigan College and for the Midwestern Association of Forensic Scientists.



Photo by Cheryl Rulley

Grayling resident Connie Swander has already begun her work as the Laboratory Director at the Michigan State Police Forensic Crime Lab. She will now oversee the administration of both the Grayling Lab and the lab located in Marquette.

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In 1992, Swander was the recipient of the Michigan State Police Floyd R. Bell, Jr. Civilian of the Year Award.

Swander said since her promotion, she has been busy getting to know the personnel at the

Marquette lab and learning the administrative duties of her new position. She will have to travel between labs, but said she is willing to do whatever needs to be done to keep services running smoothly.

Gillard: It's time to get down to business

► Rep. Gillard would like to hear from 106th District constituents

LANSING - Michigan State Representative Matt Gillard (D-Alpena) announced January 29 that session for the Michigan House of Representatives is officially under way.

The House meets at 1 p.m. on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and at 10 a.m. on Thursdays. Gillard represents the 106th District, which includes Alpena, Alcona, Crawford, Montmorency, Oscoda and Presque Isle counties.

"It's time to roll up our sleeves and get down to business," said Gillard, who has been named the Democratic Vice Chair of the House Conservation & Outdoor Recreation Committee.

"It's time to make sure that the legislature looks out for the best

interests of northern Michigan. It's time to fight to keep the jobs we already have and bring new jobs to northern Michigan.

"I believe that one of my most important jobs as your state representative is keeping you informed," said Gillard. "I also believe that I cannot do my job to the best of my ability if I do not hear from you. I hope that this toll-free number will help keep the lines of communication open, which will help me in fighting for the best interests of northern Michigan."

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Sentencings for January 2003

Hon. John G. Hunter

Christopher Ryan Maze, age 27 of Brighton - License suspended/revoked - allowed a suspended person to operate; \$360 fines/costs or 36 days in jail.

Terrence Thomas Sheroski Jr., age 19 of Metamora - Larceny less than \$200; \$210 fines/costs or 23 days in jail, \$25 restitution.

Timothy James Odden, age 40 of Grayling - OUIL/per se; \$1,530 fines/costs, two days in jail, placed on 365 days probation.

John Michael Leitelt, age 42 of Stanton - OUIL/per se; \$1,100 fines/costs or 63 days in jail, 30 days in jail with credit for 10 days served, placed on 365 days probation.

Daniel Alan Peterson, age 52 of Alpena - Dispose solid waste/non-licensed; \$110 fines/costs.

Kerry Edward Corpilongo, age 42 of Dearborn - Controlled substance possession of marijuana; \$680 fines/costs or 68 days in jail, placed on 181 days probation.

Curtis James Jezierski, age 31 of Grayling - License suspended/revoked - allowed a suspended person to operate; \$260 fines/costs or 26 days in jail.

Kevin Bruce Hatch, age 24 of Traverse City - OUIL/per se; \$780 fines/costs or 78 days in jail, placed on 181 days probation.

Mohammad R. Zunoubi, age 38 of Fishkill - License suspended/revoked - allowed a suspended person to operate; \$160 fines/costs.

James Carl West, age 20 of Houghton Lake - Disguise with intent to intimidate; \$1,130 fines/costs or 100 days in jail, 60 days in jail with credit for 60 days served.

Marjorie Louise Woodworth, age 45 of Gaylord - Disturbance of the peace; \$160 fines/costs or 16 days in jail.

Michael Sharone Schannon, age 54 of Silverwood - Retail fraud second degree; \$310 fines/costs or 31 days in jail, 43 days in jail with credit for 43 days served.

Michael Matthew Modica, age 26 of Traverse City - License suspended/revoked - allowed a suspended person to operate;

RANGE FIRING

Range firing scheduled during February 12 - 18, is as follows:

The Range 40 Air to Ground Complex, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.) will be conducting live and inert bombing operations by the Air National Guard during the following dates: February 12-13, February 17-18.

Heavy weapons range firing is scheduled from sunrise until three hours after sunset.

\$260 fines/costs or 26 days in jail.

Steven Michael Nieman, age 37 of Freeland - License suspended/revoked - allowed a suspended person to operate and controlled substance - use of marijuana; \$520 fines/costs or 60 days in jail.

Michael Joseph Terrien, age 27 of Grayling - License suspended/revoked - allowed a suspended person to operate; \$260 fines/costs or 26 days in jail.

Charles Ray Siegel III, age 21 of Grayling - Controlled substance - possession of marijuana; \$910 fines/costs or 91 days in jail.

Kelly Vernon Allish, age 39 of Carrollton - Snowmobile - operate while suspended/revoked/denied; \$260 fines/costs or 26 days in jail.

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Daniel Paul Marcoux, age 24 of Houghton Lake - Disorderly person/drunk; \$510 fines/costs.

Robert Scott Mock, age 26 of Jackson - Trespass - forbidden/refuse to depart; \$484 fines/costs.

Jerry Lee Elekonich, age 51 of Grayling - License suspended/revoked - allowed a suspended person to operate; \$360 fines/costs.

Diana Lyn Newman, age 41 of Grayling - Retail fraud - second degree; \$310 fines/costs or 31 days in jail.

Salvatore Victor Bommarito, age 18 of St. Helen - Disorderly person/drunk; \$134 fines/costs.

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Mark Louis Franklin, age 28 of Grayling - OUIL/per se; \$1,450 fines/costs, 90 days in jail, placed on 365 days probation.

Magistrate Jean Callewaert

Michael Kent Ruman, age 46 of St. Clair Shores - Possess deer without validated kill tag; \$170 fines/costs and \$1,000 restitution.

Aaron Thomas Fishell, age 20 of Saginaw - License suspended/revoked - allowed a suspended person to operate; \$260 fines/costs.

Attorney Magistrate Julie Delaney

Aubrey Steve Holland, age 46 of Pontiac - Snowmobile - operate while suspended/revoked/denied; \$160 fines/costs.

Petersons celebrate 50 years



Mr. and Mrs. Martin Peterson

Martin and Beverly Peterson of Grayling will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary this Friday.

They were married February 14, 1953 at his parents' home in Houghton Lake. He was on leave from service with the U.S. Army at the time.

Martin graduated from Houghton Lake High School in 1950 and Beverly graduated June 22.

MILITARY NEWS

Air Force Airman Zachary J. Harland, has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations.

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He is the son of Dennis Harland of Crestview, Florida.

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Jobless can now file for benefits online

Michigan's jobless workers can now cut through the unemployment line by going online to file claims for unemployment benefits.

Jobless Michigan workers can now apply for unemployment benefits through the Internet by visiting the Bureau of Workers' & Unemployment Compensation (BW&UC) web site at www.michigan.gov/bwuc. The web site is accepting new and additional unemployment claims.

"Filing for unemployment benefits through the Internet is a tremendous convenience to jobless workers," David A. Plawecki, acting BW&UC director said. "Filing online requires only minutes and can be done from the comfort of one's home or from any computer with access to the Internet."

Plawecki estimates that on average, the online application

process will take jobless workers between 30 to 45 minutes to successfully complete.

The bureau will accept online applications for unemployment benefits five days a week, Monday through Friday, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., and during holidays that fall on weekdays.

To file a new claim for benefits online, unemployed workers must meet the following conditions:

- Have worked for only one employer during the last 18 months;
- Have worked under only one Social Security number during the past 18 months;
- Have not filed a claim for unemployment benefits against another state during the past 12 months; and

• Want their claim to begin with the week in which it is filed.

Those filing an additional

claim must have an existing benefit year and a balance remaining on their original unemployment claim.

An additional unemployment claim is one filed by a worker to re-establish eligibility for benefits after an interruption in payments due to a return to work.

Those applying for unemployment benefits online are still required to register for employment, if they are not returning to work within 120 days. They register by visiting their local Michigan Works! service center to file their resume with the Michigan Talent Bank.

When using the online process for filing an unemployment claim, Plawecki advised that users have the following information on hand:

- Their Social Security numbers;
- A PIN used to call MARVIN

for an existing or previous claim, or a driver license or state ID number;

- Their complete address, including zip code;
- A telephone number;
- County of residence;
- For those who are not U.S. citizens or nationals, an alien registration number and the expiration date for the work authorization are needed; and

- For their employer over the last 18 months - name and address; last day of work; and earnings for each calendar quarter during the last 18 months.

The web site uses an interactive application for unemployment benefits. Jobless workers will be prompted to answer a series of questions as the bureau collects the information needed to establish a claim.

The bureau has allowed limited use of Internet filed claims since November to test the process. By January 20, the web site had successfully accepted and processed over 3,000 unemployment claims.

Plawecki noted that the bureau has made its claims taking web site as secure as possible to prevent unauthorized individuals from gaining access to its unemployment claims database.

The Bureau of Workers' & Unemployment Compensation is a bureau within the Michigan Department of Consumer & Industry Services, the state's primary licensing and regulatory department.

HONORS

Adrian College

Colby G. Davis of Grayling, was named to Adrian College's Dean's List for the 2002 Fall Semester. She is a junior majoring in Psychology. She is the daughter of Alton and Sandra Davis.

Kenyon College

Regina B. Rosi of Grayling, was named to Kenyon College's Merit List for the first semester of the 2002-03 academic year. She is a first-year student. She is the daughter of Marilyn and Tomlin Rosi.

HOMETOWN NEWS

Perry D'Amour, a 1980 Grayling High School graduate, recently was one of 45 graduates to receive his MBA from Webster University in Phoenix, Arizona.

In attendance were his wife Nancy and two children, Ryan and Lauren.

Perry is currently the Purchasing Manager for Bebout Concrete, Inc., with operations in Phoenix and Las Vegas. He is the son of Leon and Jackie D'Amour of Grayling.

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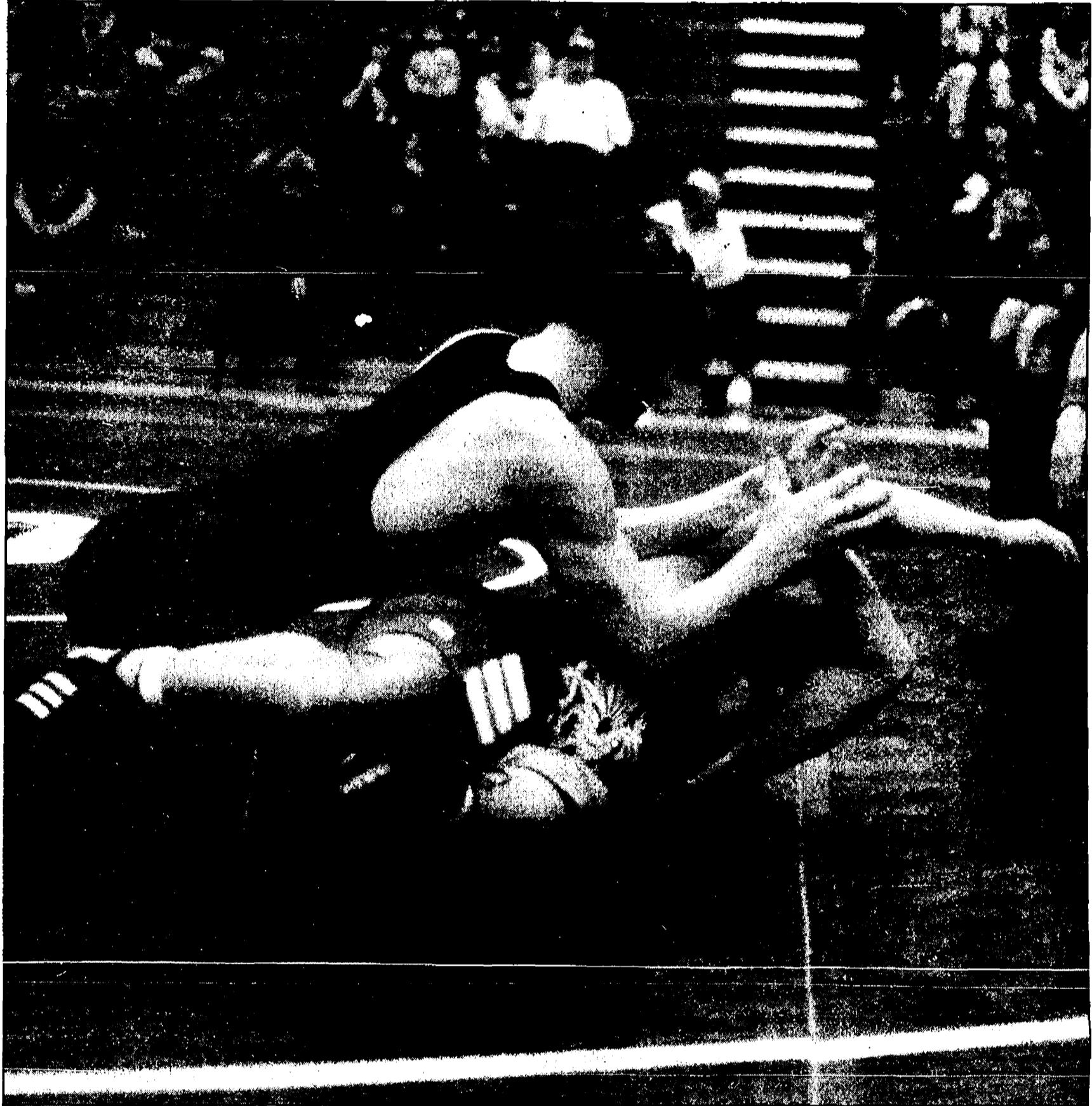


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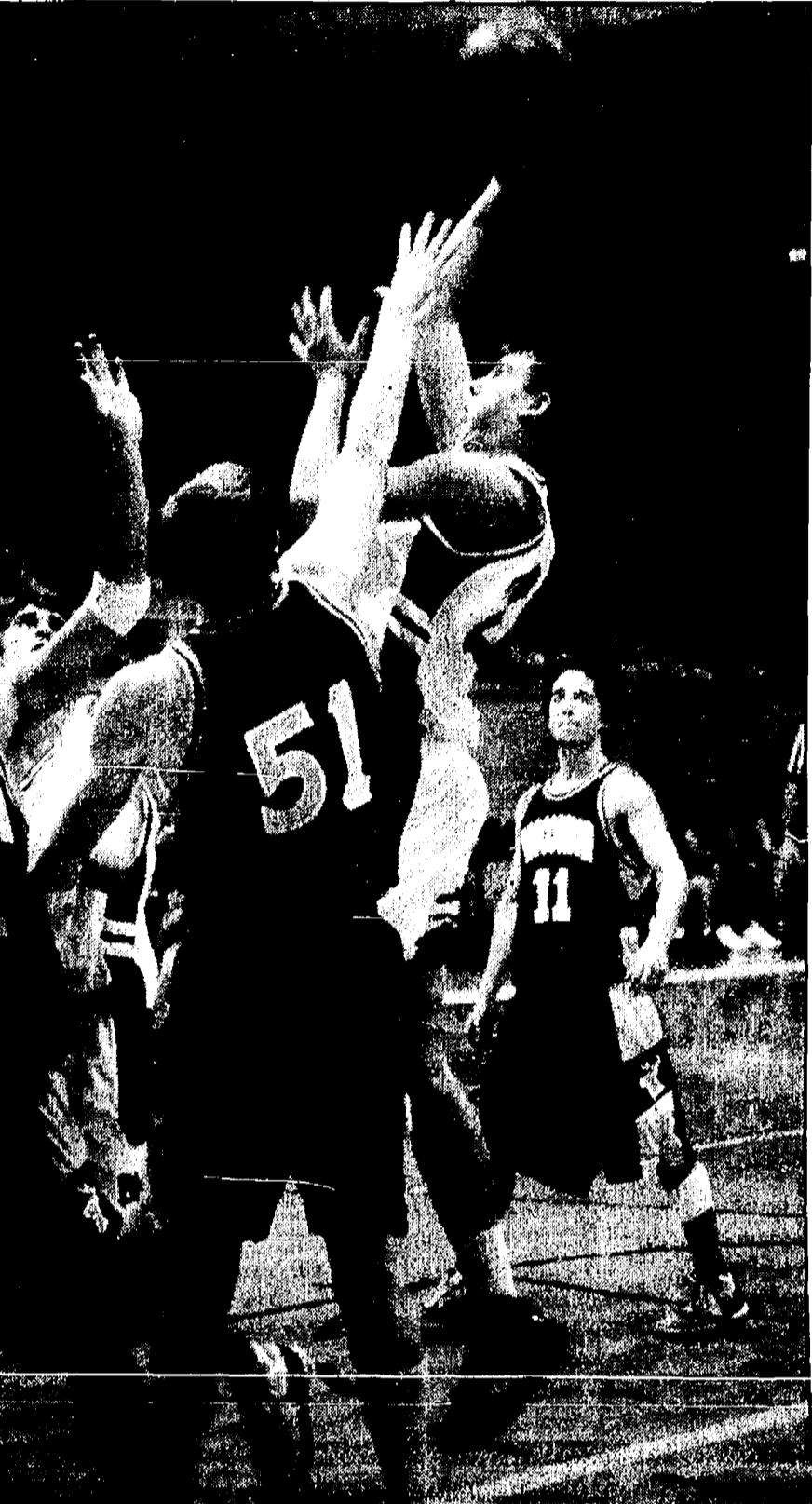
Thursday, February 13, 2003

Wrestlers defeat Blazers



GHS wrestler Adam Malone (top) grapples with a Kalkaska opponent in a meet in Grayling last Thursday. The Vikings defeated Kalkaska 57-15. For more on the wrestling team, see Page 2B.

Vikings fall to Bucks, Bobcats



Roy Czapek goes up for a shot inside in the Grayling vs. Roscommon varsity boys basketball game last Wednesday. The Bucks won the game. For more on the varsity boys basketball team, see Page 5B.

Ski teams finish 2nd in league

► Grayling ends conference season with Central Alpine Ski Meet

The GHS boys and girls ski teams both finished second in the League Championship Meet last week and finished the season in second place in the Central Alpine Ski Conference. Mt. Pleasant won both league titles.

The boys team scores at the league championship meet were: Mt. Pleasant 35, Grayling 66, Clare 121, Harrison 148, Roscommon

161, and Farwell 195. The girls competition scores were nearly the same, with Mt. Pleasant at 31, Grayling 63, Clare 112, Roscommon 124, Harrison 130, and Farwell 228.

Grayling's boys team picked up six league medals in the meet with Pat McNally leading the way with a 6th place finish in slalom and 7th place in giant slalom (GS). Trevor Clough took 2nd in slalom and 12th in GS.

Jon Handy placed 8th in both races. Jim Jansen was 10th in slalom and 13th in GS. Eric Hunter finished 12th and 14th. Anthony Neal took 17th in slalom and Adam Gilbert was

20th in GS.

Grayling's girls team also picked up six league medals. Heather Vandecar led the team with a 2nd place finish in slalom and a 5th in GS. Mallory Olson placed 5th and 7th. Andria Alvarez placed 6th and 8th.

Jill Seager was 16th and 14th. Kassie McClain placed 21st and 19th. Jessica Thomson finished 29th in GS and disqualified in slalom.

All-league selections were announced after the meet. Grayling's ski team had 10 first team all-conference selections and five second team selections.

First team all-league slalom honors went to Alvarez, Olson, Vandecar, Clough, and Handy. First team giant slalom spots were won by Alvarez, Olson, Clough, Jansen, and McNally.

Second team all-league slalom honorees include Hunter, Jansen, and McNally. Second team giant slalom all-conference spots went to Vandecar and Handy.

All-league honors are based on using 70 percent of the league's races for each skier and comparing points.

The Vikings will ski against 20 other schools at Regionals at Crystal Mountain on Thursday, February 13.



GHS ski team all-league honorees for 2003: (front, L to R) James Jansen, Trevor Clough, Eric Hunter; (back, L to R) Mallory Olson, Patrick McNally, Heather Vandecar, Andria Alvarez, Jon Handy.

Grayling hosts volleyball tourney



Jamie Zelek handles a ball for Grayling in the Subway Invitational varsity girls volleyball tournament at GHS on Saturday. For more on the event, see Page 3B.

CONTAMINATED INJECTION USED TO TREAT PAIN RECALLED

Meningitis linked to injections

Portage Pharmacy (Innovative Professional Services) recalled its compounded pain medicine, methylprednisolone, in June 2002 because of bacterial and mold contamination. As many as 790 vials were distributed to clinics and hospitals throughout Michigan. Patients may develop fungal meningitis that could be life-threatening. Contact Duffus & Melvin if you have experienced any adverse effects associated with a pain injection or to receive additional information.

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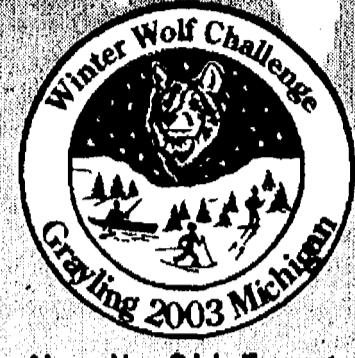
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For more information on these and other events at Hanson Hills check us out on the web at www.hansonhills.org or call 981-2196



The 2002-03 Grayling High School wrestling team: (front, left to right) Joel Wilson, Jessie Mooneyham, Brian Borchers, Emily Harvey, Doug Webb, Adam Malone; (middle, left to right) James Walker, Greg Warren, Tom Barnett, Dustin Partello, Darryl Babbitt, Jesse CdeBaca, Jeremy Handrich, Chuck Woodman; (back, left to right) Coach Don Ferguson, Coach Matt Tonella, Travis Brush, Mike Gassman, Aaron Rosecrans, Brandon Pratt, Don Starks, Justin Robinson, Joe Ferrigan, Coach Mike Hopkins, Coach Bill Rosecrans.

Wrestlers finish 3rd at NEMC meet

► Six Vikings earn medals at final league meet of the season

Grayling High School's varsity wrestling team placed third overall at the North East Michigan Conference Meet at Bay City John Glenn on Saturday.

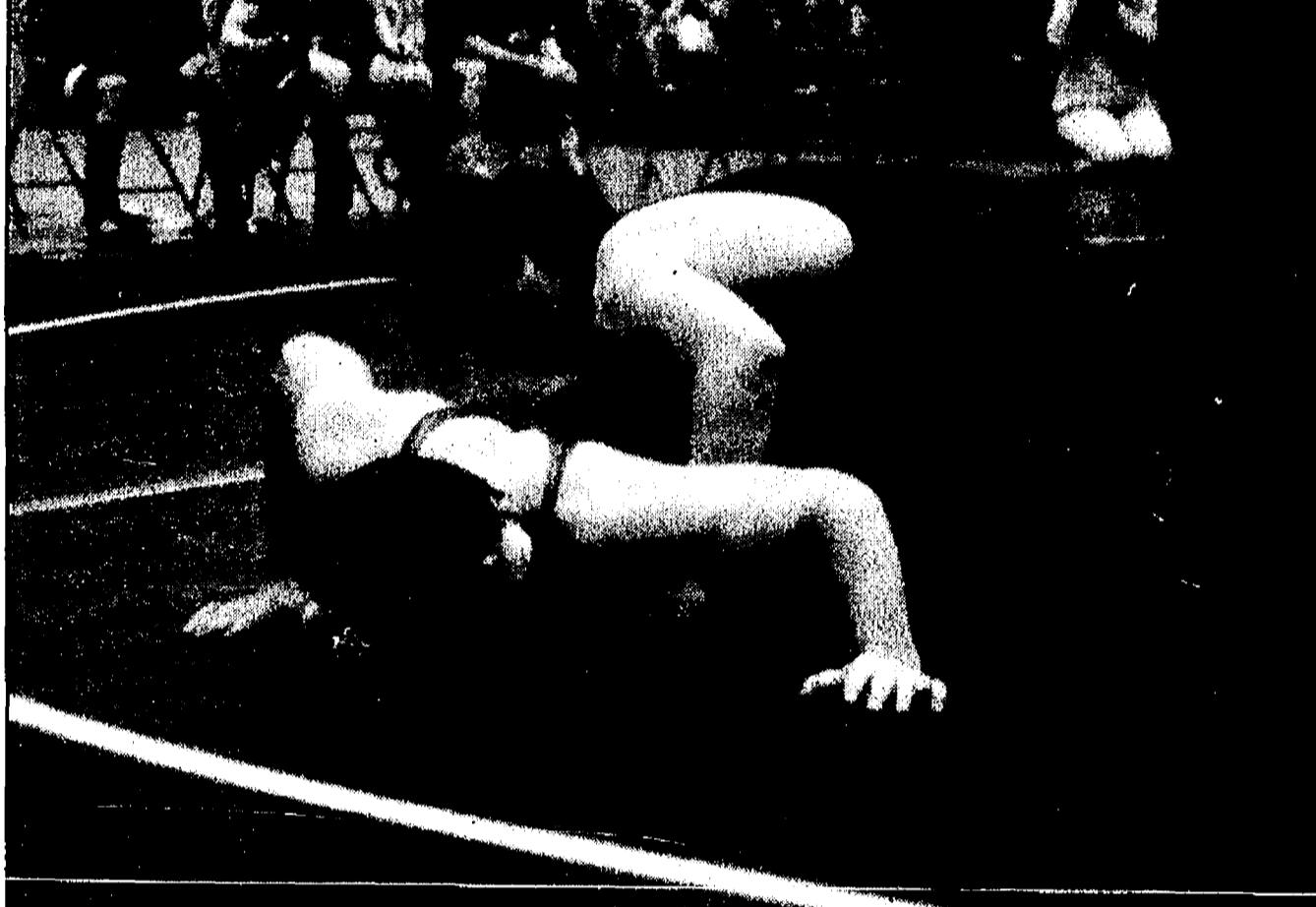
Pinconning took 1st, Ogemaw Heights placed 2nd, Grayling was 3rd, Oscoda 4th, Tawas 5th, Bay City John Glenn 6th, and Standish Sterling Central 7th.

Grayling had a total of six medalists in the NEMC Meet — the last meet of the league season.

Brandon Pratt (171) placed 1st at the meet, earning a conference championship in his weight division. He has a 34-6 record so far this season.

Darryl Babbitt (160), Aaron Rosecrans (215), and Dusty Partello (152, 21-17) both placed 2nd at the NEMC Meet. Chuck Woodman (125, 13-8), Adam Malone (130, 28-14), and Dusty Partello (152, 27-6) all finished 3rd in their weight class.

"This week we're going to start getting focused on the



Darryl Babbitt wrestles a Kalkaska opponent on Thursday at GHS.

upcoming state tournaments; Grayling won four and lost one, Coach Don Ferguson said.

On Thursday, the Vikings defeated a short-handed Kalkaska Blazers squad 57-15 in a meet at GHS.

The Vikings won six weight classes by forfeit (and lost two — 112 and 119 — by forfeit). In con-

tested matches, Grayling won four and lost one.

Emily Harvey (103), Joe Bancroft (140), Joel Wilson (145), Don Starks (189), Rosecrans (215), and Travis Brush (275) all won by forfeit for GHS.

Woodman (125) posted a second round pin to win his match.

Malone (130) won by pin in the first round. Partello (152) lost a tough match by decision, 5-2.

Babbitt (160) won by points, 14-8. Pratt (171), in the last contested match of the night, posted a quick first round pin.

The Vikings compete in Team Districts and Individual Districts this week.

Baseball clinic rescheduled for March

The Grayling High School

baseball clinic that was originally scheduled for February 15 has been changed to Saturday, March 15. The change was necessary due to a conflict in scheduling, and it will allow the coaching staff to use high school baseball

players to assist.

The clinic, to be held at Grayling Middle School, will be for players age 9-18. GHS baseball coach Bob Gorski and his staff will instruct participants on the fundamentals of hitting, pitching, infield, outfield, and catching.

Players will be broken up into two age groups: 9-12 will go from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. and 13-18 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Participants must bring tennis shoes, gloves, and work-out clothes.

Also, players will have the option to sign up for the second portion of the clinic to be held at a later date. At that time, players

will be videotaped on their hitting. The fee for both dates is \$20, which includes a Grayling baseball cap and video.

Sign up for the clinic at Sylvester's or pick up applications at the elementary, middle, or high school offices.

Little League coaches can attend the clinics for a fee of \$20. Coaches will receive a Grayling baseball cap and a coaching notebook on all phases of baseball.

Sign-ups will also be accepted on the day of the clinic. Please contact Gorski at 348-5626 or John Schneider at 348-4366 if you plan to attend and have not signed up yet.

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Wendy's Vikings of the Week



Wrestling

Coach: Don Ferguson
DARRYL BABBITT & AARON ROSECRANS

Darryl had a great match with an undefeated wrestler in the conference championship finals and placed 2nd in the league in his weight class. Aaron had a good day at the conference meet and worked his way to a 2nd place finish in the championship finals.

Paul Olson Municipal Underwriters of Michigan Vikings of the Week



Skiing

Coach: Mike Wieland
JILL SEAGER & PAT MCINALLY

Jill (not pictured) has consistently finished both races for Grayling, contributing to team placement in 22 out of 26 races this season. Pat had the highest combined finish in the league meet last week with a 6th in slalom and 7th in giant slalom.

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GHS hosts volleyball tourney

► Vikings begin and end with wins in 8-team Subway Invitational

The Vikings started with a win and ended with a win at Saturday's Subway Invitational — Grayling High School's annual varsity girls volleyball tournament — but lost the four matches in between to finish the event with a 2-4 overall record.

Grayling opened the tournament with a two-game series against the Beavers of Beaverton.

The Vikings played a good match in game one, and won the contest 15-8. Grayling struggled in game two, and Beaverton won 15-1.

Later, the Vikings lost to the Lady Stags of Kingsley 15-0, 15-7.

Grayling finished the day with a split against the Houghton Lake Bobcats. Houghton Lake won the first game 15-11 and Grayling took game two 15-3.

"We have streaks when we play to our potential, like the first game against Beaverton and the last game against Houghton Lake," said Coach Angie Golnick. "We have improved our serving percentage and transition. We're still working on confidence and trust."

Statistics for Grayling at the Subway Invitational included: Angeanette Lovely — 7 points, 9 digs; Carmen Hulbert — 7 points, 1 ace, 5 digs, 13 assists; Ashley Hawley — 6 points, 1 ace, 10 blocks, 7 kills; Ashley Bancroft — 6 points, 4 kills, 5 digs; Jamie Zelek — 5 points, 1 ace, 2 kills; Heather Metzer — 15 assists, 10 digs.



Ashley Hawley goes up for a spike in the Subway Invitational at GHS on Saturday.

Eight teams — Beaverton, Boyne City, Gaylord, Grayling,

Harbor Springs, Harrison, Invitational meet.

Houghton Lake, and Kingsley — participated in the 2003 Subway

The Vikings play at Tawas on Wednesday, February 19.

JV volleyball team beats Pinny 2-0

► Vikings win at home by scores of 15-6 and 15-4 vs. Spartans

The GHS junior varsity girls volleyball team posted a 2-0 victory against the Spartans of Pinconning in a best of three series last Wednesday in

Grayling. The Vikings won by scores of 15-6, 15-4.

"The girls played two great matches," Coach Jenny Swander said. "(Pinconning) was the first team they played this year and lost by only two. It shows how much they have improved to be able to beat them by nine and 11. They played well as a team and as a team only missed one serve. It is very exciting seeing the

improvement with each game."

Serving stats for Grayling included: Ashley Rousseau, 2 for 3; Alyssa Farrell, 1 for 1; Jenny Tozer, 5 for 5; Casey Mahaffy, 6 for 6; Jaimi Drudge, 16 for 16;

Jessica Pfaff, 4 for 4. Point totals included: Rousseau, 2; Tozer, 5; Mahaffy, 6; Pfaff, 3; Drudge, 14.

The Vikings will host Bay City John Glenn on Monday, February 17 at 6:15 p.m.

9th grade volleyball team wins three

► Freshman team defeats Oscoda, Pinconning, and Houghton Lake

With three recent wins, two against North East Michigan Conference opponents, the GHS freshman girls volleyball team has posted a respectable 5-2 league record so far.

Last Wednesday, the Vikings defeated the Pinconning Spartans 2-1 in a best of three series. Pinconning won the first game and GHS rallied to win the next two 15-7, 15-12.

"We struggled serving in the first game but turned things around to win the match," said Coach Amy Owen.

Serving stats for GHS included: Samantha Wakeley, 17 for 18 for 11 points; Chelsea Papendick, 12 for 14, 11 points; Michelle McGuire, 7 for 7, 4 points; Amanda Lutz, 7 for 7, 3 points; Chelsea Wolcott, 7 for 10, 6 points.

On January 30, the Vikings won a series vs. Oscoda 2-0 at GHS. Final scores were 15-4, 15-5.

"Teamwork has developed into a winning season for these girls," Coach Owen said. "I hope this commitment follows them to the varsity level."

Serving stats: Wakeley, 15 for 17, 14 points; Wolcott, 5 for 7, 5 points; Lutz, 4 for 4, 4 points.

On January 27, Grayling defeated Houghton Lake 15-3, 15-8 in a meet at GHS.

"We made 35 of 45 serves in these two games. Serving plays a large part of the game since it is the only way to score," Coach Owen said. "Michelle McGuire had an excellent match spiking and serving."

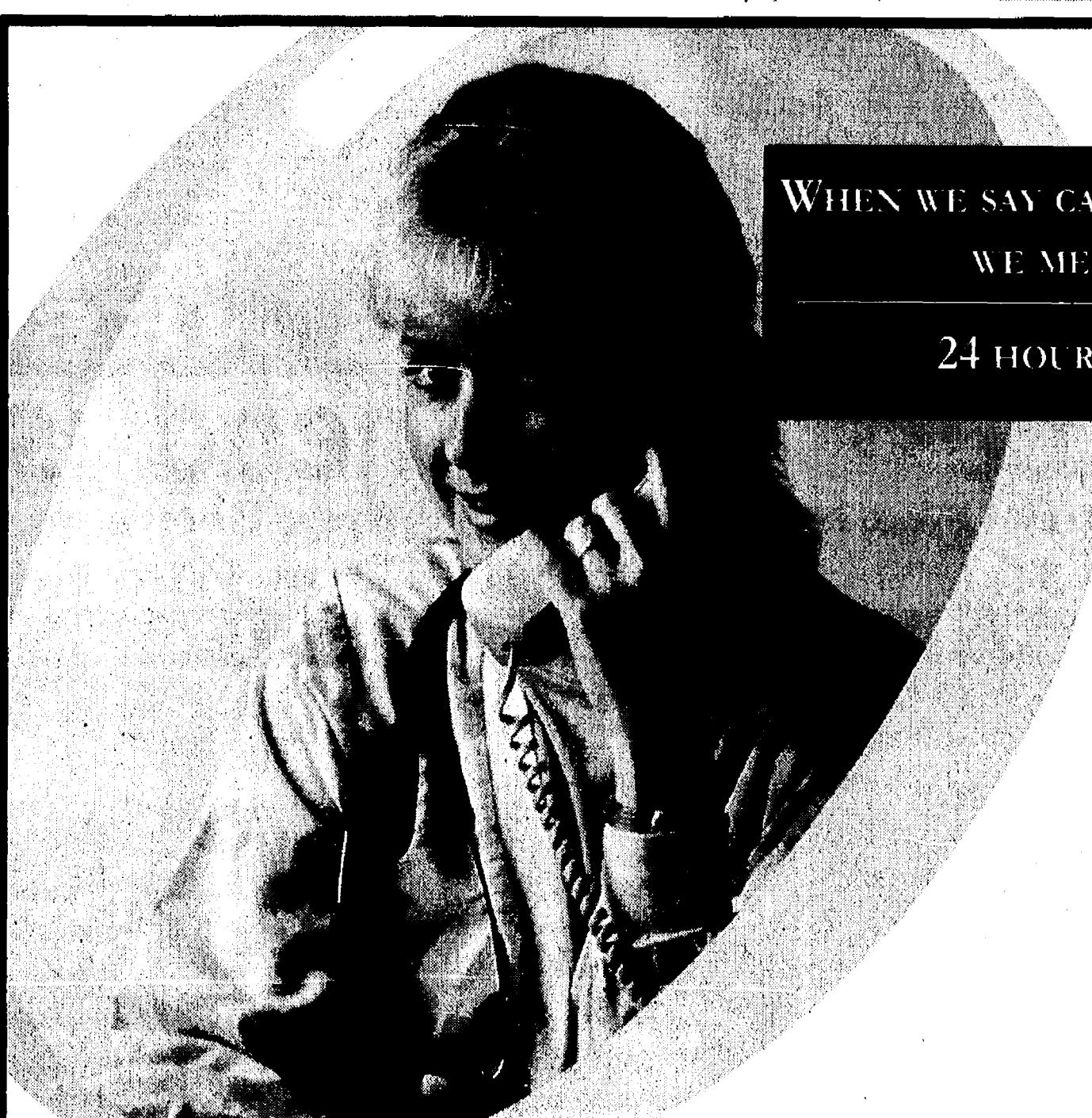
Serving stats: McGuire, 14 for 14, 11 points; Wolcott, 5 for 5, 4 points; Papendick, 8 for 10, 7 points.

The freshman team will host Bay City John Glenn on Monday, February 17 at 6:15 p.m.



Vikings of the Week
Ashley Hawley & Heather Metzer

Ashley blocked and hustled all day at the Subway Invitational and was named to the all-tournament team. Heather, through all her struggles serving, has stayed positive and improved the rest of her game.





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Sunday Nite Mixed Doubles	Friday Mixed Doubles	Recreation
Wakeley's Auto Parts . . . 38 - 18	American Legion 26 - 10	Gale Enterprises 25 - 03
Hart Pontiac-GMC 33 - 23	Northern Cafe 23 - 13	Chicken Little Joint Pro. 15 - 13
D.X.R. Computers 31 - 25	Moshier Auto Repair 18 - 18	Hawk Ridge Golf 14 - 14
North Pure Ice 29 - 27	Double Trouble 18 - 18	Woody Girls' 14 - 14
Spark's 28 - 28	Charlies Country Corner 16 - 20	Peterson's Saw Service 14 - 14
Little Tyke Day Care 27 - 29	Ken's Tire & Auto 16 - 20	Mickey Perez CPA 11 - 17
Calkin's Excavating 20 - 36	Fick & Sons 14 - 22	Coldwell Bankers 10 - 18
Shady Acres 18 - 38	Piehl's Sawmill 13 - 23	Glens' Market 09 - 19
High Series Men: J. Helsel, 668; J. Babbit, 596; R. Argue, 568.	High Series Men: D. Wallace, 645; D. Canfield, 583; C. Hanson, 579.	High Series: P. Terry, 529; K. Moshier, 520; S. Johnson, 519; K. Laughton, 513.
High Game Men: R. Argue, 231; J. Helsel, 230; D. Romain, 216.	High Game Men: D. Wallace, 279; C. Hanson, 232; D. Canfield, 214.	High Game: P. Terry, 217; K. Laughton, 216; S. Johnson, 202; P. D'Amour, 198.
High Series Women: S. Romain, 542; S. France, 498; T. Day 494.	High Series Women: K. Moshier, 511; D. Medina, 507; S. Johnson, 487.	
High Game Women: S. Romain, 190; S. France, 180; G. Helsel, 175.	High Game Women: B. Lozon, 204; K. Moshier, 202; D. Medina, 181.	
	Northwood	
Lucky & Laura's 19 - 09	Warren Forest Products 21.5 - 6.5	
Hart Pontiac-GMC 17.5 - 10.5	Moore's Automotive 19 - 09	
Beckett Contracting 16.5 - 11.5	Hessel Forest Products 15.5 - 12.5	
North MI Financial 15 - 13	Scheer Motors 15 - 13	
Hometown Furniture 13.5 - 14.5	GADCO 11 - 17	
Grayling Chiropractic 12 - 16	Forrest Brothers 11 - 17	
Corky's Karaoke 10 - 18	McLean's Ace 10 - 18	
Calkin's Excavating 8.5 - 19.5	Fenton's Auto Service 09 - 19	
High Series: T. Day, 545; S. Romain, 523; M. Rock, 510.	High Game: D. Canfield, 208; B. LaMotte, 202.	
High Series: T. Day, 207; S. Romain, 202; M. Rock, 184.	High Series: B. Trudeau, 627; B. J. Thayer, 248; J. Thayer, 248.	
	National First	
	AuSable Construction 29 - 13	
	Denholm Chiropractic 27 - 15	
	Corky's Karaoke 26 - 16	
	Faustman's Insurance 23 - 19	
	Legion Lanes 19 - 23	
	Hart Pontiac-GMC 17 - 25	
	Scott Pittman Builders 16 - 26	
	Northern White Tail 11 - 31	
	High Series: D. Canfield, 734; T. Devins, 637; J. Barton, 628.	
	High Series: T. Day, 207; S. Fenton's Auto Service 09 - 19	
	High Game: D. Canfield, 208; J. Thayer, 248.	
	J. Thayer, 248; J. Thayer, 248.	

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Longest Fish Grand Prize

Senior Division - 13-17 years of age

Longest Perch Prizes • Longest Trout Prizes

Awards/Prizes Presentation 2:30 p.m. at the North State Park

1-Kids Games and Activities

11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Accompanied by an Adult with badge.

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1-Chili Cook-Off

Taste some of the area's best Chili
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1-Broomball Benefit Game

12:00 p.m.

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2-Pancake Breakfast

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5-Winter Canoe Trip

4-Crazy Cardboard Classic

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5-Winter Canoe Trip

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from 12:00 noon-2:00 p.m.

1-Snowshoeing

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tours and lessons start your quiet adventure between

2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Located at the North State Park.

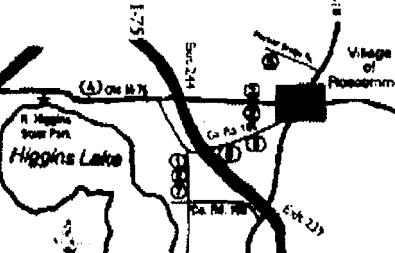
6-Southern Gospel Concert

7:00 p.m.

at the Roscommon High School Auditorium

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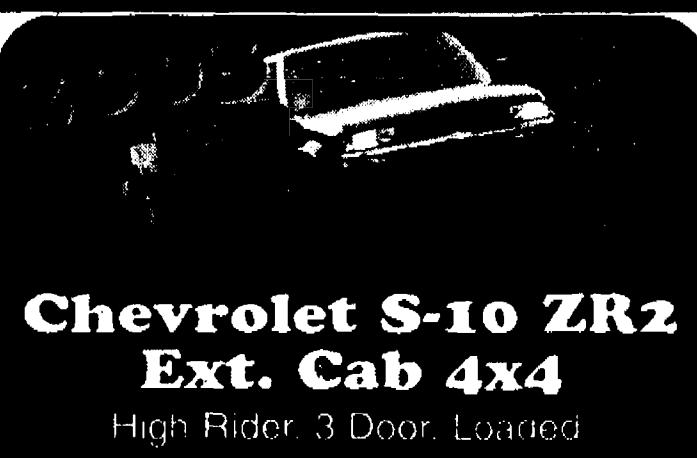


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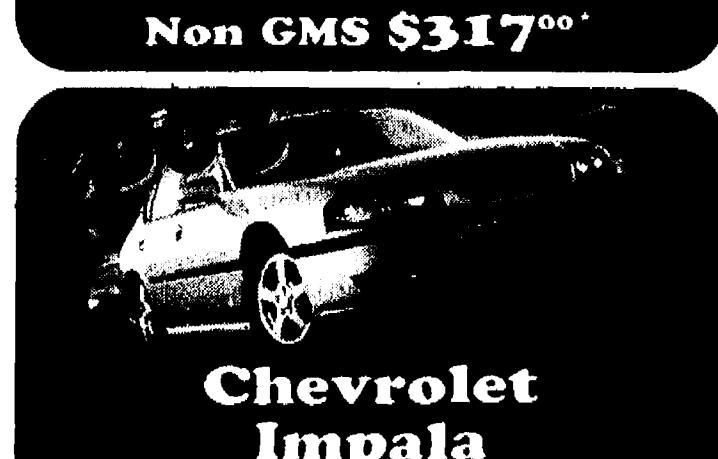


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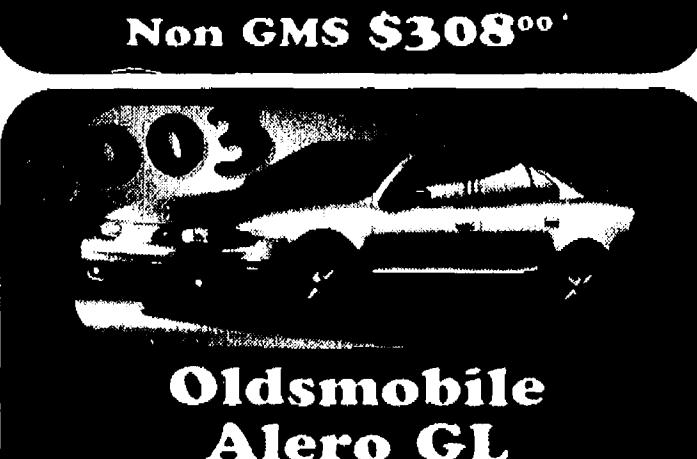


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LEGAL ACTION

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Decedent's Estate

File No. 03-6568-DE

Estate of Irene Esther Estleman,

Date of birth: 5-01-08

NOTICE TO CREDITORS:

The decedent, Irene Esther Estleman, who lived at 7920 W. Five Mile Road, Grayling, Michigan died November 21, 2002.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Marlene Brown, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 200 W. Michigan Ave, Grayling, MI 49738 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: January 9, 2003

Marlene Brown
6977 S. Military
Grayling, MI 49738

Rapids, Michigan 49507, dated July 29, 2002, and recorded on August 14, 2002, in Liber 592, Page 318 of the Crawford County Register of Deeds, which mortgage has been assigned to Northpointe Bank, whose address is 770 Kenmoor S.E., Suite 201, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49546, by virtue of an Assignment of Mortgage dated August 2, 2002, and recorded on August 14, 2002 with the Crawford County Register of Deeds at Liber 592, Page 334 and upon which there is now claimed to be due for principal and interest the sum of Forty Four Thousand Nine Hundred Two Dollars and Twenty Four Cents (\$44,902.24) and no suit or proceedings at law having been instituted to recover the said debt or any part thereof;

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by virtue of the power of sale contained in the mortgage, and the statute in such case made and provided, on March 12, 2003 at 10:00 a.m., the undersigned will sell at the Crawford County Courthouse, 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, Michigan that being the place of holding the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford at public venue to the highest bidder for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon said Mortgage, together with the legal fees and charges of the sale, including attorney's fees allowed by law, the premises in said mortgage located in the Township of Frederic, Crawford County and which are described as follows:

Parcel C-1

Part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 11, Town 27 North, Range 4 West, Frederic Township, Crawford County, Michigan, described as beginning at a point located distant North 01 degrees 09 minutes 50 seconds East, along the East line of said Section 11 a distance of 1298.19 feet and South 88 degrees 39 minutes 23 seconds West, 1130.58 feet and South 07 degrees 02 minutes 22 seconds East, 162.93 feet from the Southeast corner of said Section 11; thence North 88 degrees 39 minutes 11; thence North 88 degrees 39 minutes 23 seconds East, 832.31 feet to the point of ending. P.P. #030-011-016-030-03

which has an address of 7076 Sampson Street, Frederic, Michigan 49733.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241(a) in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 29, 2003

Drafted By:

William M. Azkoul (P40071)
Attorney for Mortgage
161 Ottawa Ave., NW
Suite 205-C
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
(616) 458-1315
Northpointe Bank
770 Kenmoor SE
Suite 201
Grand Rapids, MI 49548

-06-13-20-27

Troy, MI 48007-5041
(248) 457-1000
File No. 200.0727

-6-13-20-27-06

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es, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 a.m., on February 26, 2003.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Being part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 8, Town 26 North, Range 3 West, City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan described as:

Commencing at the Southwest corner of Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 8, Town 26 North, Range 3 West, thence South 88 degrees 59 minutes

East 517 feet, thence North 1 Degree 33 minutes East, 656 feet to the Point of Beginning, thence continuing North 1 degree, 33 minutes East, 281.3 feet to the Southeasterly bank of the AuSable River;

thence South 64 degrees 28 minutes West along river, 184.85 feet; thence South 24 degrees 03 minutes West along river, 220.3 feet; thence South 8 degrees 50 minutes East along river, 87.0 feet; thence

South 89 degrees, 59 minutes East, 133.2 feet; thence North 1 degree, 33 minutes East, 149.0 feet; thence South 89 degrees 55 minutes East, 100.0 feet to the Point of Beginning. The above description of land is the combination of Parcels A and B of Survey recorded in Liber 134, page 79 and of Parcel A of Survey recorded in Liber 153, page 458, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 23, 2003

For information, please call:

Team J (248) 593-1302

Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys and Counselors

30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200

Bingham Farms, MI 48025

File # 200311289

Team J

-23-30-06-13

NS2°03'00"E, along the Southerly right of way of Jones Lake Road 400.0 feet to the Place of Beginning. SUBJECT TO a 66 foot wide easement for ingress and egress and installation and maintenance of public utilities, 33 feet each side of the Southwesterly line of Parcel 4 as delineated on a survey recorded in Liber 122, Page 473; Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) after the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 30, 2003

For information, please call:

Team X (248) 593-1302

Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys and Counselors

30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200

Bingham Farms, MI 48025

File # 200311491

Team X

-30-06-13-20

Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Richard L. Hoag, married man and Angel R. Hoag, his wife (original mortgagors) to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated January 25, 2002, and recorded on March 15, 2002 in Liber 0573 on Page 292 in Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Ten Thousand Two Hundred Seventy and 59/100 dollars (\$110,270.59), including interest at 7.000% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 a.m., on March 5, 2003.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 28, Davenport's Pine Acres, as recorded in Liber 3, of Plats, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 30, 2003

For information, please call:

Team J (248) 593-1302

Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys and Counselors

30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200

Bingham Farms, MI 48025

File # 200311285

Team J

-23-30-06-13

Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Richard A. Grant, a single man, to Old Kent Bank (now by various resolutions duly known as Fifth Third Bank), mortgagee, dated September 11, 1997 and recorded September 12, 1997 in Liber 437, Page 582, Crawford County Records. Said mortgage is now held by Fifth Third Bank by assignment submitted to and recorded by the Crawford County Register of Deeds. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Twenty-Eight Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-Four and 44/100 Dollars (\$28,624.44) including interest at 8.7% per annum.

Dated: January 30, 2003

For information, please call:

Team X (248) 593-1302

Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys and Counselors

30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200

Bingham Farms, MI 48025

File # 200311289

Team X

-30-06-13-20

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Donald L. Welser and Lydia Welser, husband and wife of Grayling, Michigan 49738 and Jayson S. Welser and Michelle Welser, husband and wife of 2601 Hidden Ridge Court, Grayling, Michigan 49738 to First National Bank of Gaylord, 501 W. Main Street, Gaylord, Michigan 49735, dated August 31, 2001 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Crawford, and State of Michigan, on September 4, 2001, in Liber 0551 Pages 322 through 325 Crawford County Records, and on which there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal, interest and late fees, the sum of \$146,546.74.

As no suit or other legal proceedings have been filed to recover the debt secured by the Mortgage; Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in the mortgage, and pursuant to the statutes of the State of Michigan, NOTICE is hereby given that on Wednesday, the 5th day of March, 2003 at 10:00 o'clock a.m. the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction to the highest bidder at the main entrance to the County Building in the City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan of that premises described in the mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, on the mortgage, with interest thereon at the contract rate and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sums which may be paid by the mortgagee to protect its interest in the premises.

The premises are described as follows:

Land situated in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, described as:

The North 50 feet of Lot 1, Block 2, HADLEY'S THIRD ADDITION TO THE VILLAGE (NOW CITY) OF GRAYLING, thence West 180 feet, thence South 120 feet, thence East 180 feet, thence North 120 feet to the Point of Beginning. Being formerly lots 3, 4 and 5, Block 2, HADLEY'S THIRD ADDITION and also the South 33 feet of vacated Clare Street lying Northerly and adjacent thereto.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of the sale.

Dated: January 22, 2003

BODMAN, LONGLEY & DAHLING LLP

Amy J. Duran (P54777)

Debt Collector for First National

Bank of Gaylord

229 Court Street

P.O. Box 405

Cheboygan, MI 49721

(231) 627-4351

-30-06-13-20-27

NOTICE BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW

The Beaver Creek Township Board of Review will hold an organizational meeting March 4, 2003 at 12:00 noon at the Beaver Creek Township Hall for the purpose of reviewing the 2003 Assessment Roll. The Board of Review will meet with taxpayers Monday, March 10, 2003 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., and Thursday, March 13, 2003 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., at the Beaver Creek Township Hall, 8888 S. Grayling Rd., Grayling.

The following are tentative ratios and factors for all classes of property in Beaver Creek Township:

CLASS	TENTATIVE RATIO	TENTATIVE FACTOR
Agricultural	40.32	1.2400
Commercial	39.46	1.2671
Industrial	46.77	1.0691
Residential	45.03	1.1103

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Supervisor

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FEATURES

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago

February 14, 1980

Crawford AuSable School Board met for the purpose of appointing advisory committee members to study the future of the Grayling Middle School.

The objective of the advisory committee will be to provide recommendations on remodeling or reconstruction of the middle school building.

Poor snow conditions have forced activities at the Grayling Winter Carnival to be rescheduled. The cross country ski and pony rides will be held next weekend.

Meanwhile, a winter with little snow has not only had a negative effect on recreational activities but it has hampered a fund drive to pay for the new hill groomer now in operation at Hanson Hills.

Three new buses were added to the Dial-A-Ride fleet, and a new 22 passenger bus has been on hand for a couple of months.

The Middle School bas-

ketball team closed out their regular season against West Branch winning three of four games. Cheering the teams on were this year's middle school cheerleaders, Traci Riley, Shawn Lovely, Angie Parrett, Theresa Barber, Stacey Wolcott, Lisa LaMotte, Wendy Callan, Vicki Mahaney and Dawn Weatherly.

Junior forward Bill Roach scored 18 points including the tying basket to lead the Vikings to one of the most stirring double overtime comeback victories in recent cage history. The win keeps Viking conference title hopes alive.

Snowmobile safety day was held on Tuesday at the Grayling Elementary School. Children were shown a movie about snowmobile safety and went for a ride on a snowmobile.

Winners of the annual Grayling Rotary Minstrel Show Poster Contest are Pat Moore, Trisha Hahn and Amy Barber.

46 Years Ago

February 14, 1957

Mary Lou Farkas, 18 year old Detroit college student, was named Miss Michigan Winter Sports Queen at the 32nd annual Winter Carnival. She topped a field of 20 aspirants.

Attendance figure at the Hartwick Pines State Park reached 310,057 during 1956.

Grayling merchants are planning a two day city-wide sales event this weekend. It will be known as February Dollar Days, and will feature bargains in every store.

The Frederic High Eagles rolled easily to their 15th straight victory of the season, when they topped Fife Lake by a 91 to 21 score.

Showing this week is the movie "Dance With Me, Henry" with Bud Abbott and Lou Costello.

69 Years Ago

February 15, 1934

With forty-five degrees below zero, Grayling's weatherman claims that that was the coldest on record for more than a quarter of a century.

A large crowd enjoyed the activities at the Winter Sports Park last weekend, among whom were several from Roscommon, West Branch, Kalkaska and other more remote parts.

Tuesday the advanced Home Economics class gave a luncheon of lovely appointments with the mothers of the girls as guests. The Valentine motif was enjoyed by all.

In accordance with the provisions of the state liquor laws, our village council voted unanimously in favor of permitting liquor to be sold in the village by the glass.

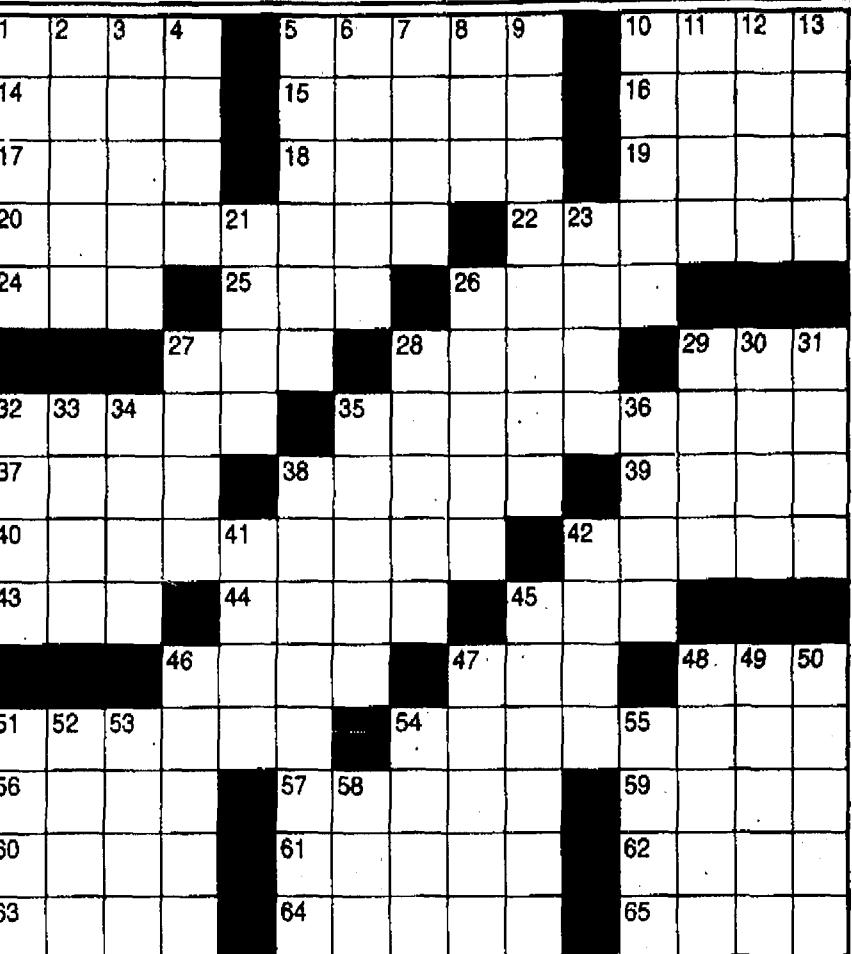
County Treasurer calls attention to the payment of the head tax - \$2.00 per person of 21 years and over. There is a heavy penalty for those who neglect to do so.

92 Years Ago

February 16, 1911

Two heavy freight trains, both double headers, met head-on at the north end of the Gaylord yard Saturday night in a dense fog, and all four engines were disabled so they had to go to shop. Fortunately no one was injured in all four crews.

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- Author Weldon
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- Pesky bug
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- Springfield
- Deadly monster
- Riff and Baby John's gang
- Chronological periods
- Turn or over follower
- Courted
- Ark skipper
- Carpenter's joint
- Bakery items
- 5th-century invaders
- Would I lie?
- Skating places
- Wet blankets
- Refrigeration gas
- Ward off
- Sympathetic answers
- "Dumb" character of comics
- "Beowulf" e.g.
- Lubavitchers e.g.
- Designated driver's order
- "Tell Mama" singer James
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The response to our latest fund-raisers has been wonderful: Dog-Opoly, Cat-Opoly, Wild Animal-Opoly and Ocean-Opoly are big hits! We have only one of the Ocean-Opoly game, but a few of the others are still available. These games are fun while being educational and make great gifts, or to just chase away cabin fever. Cost is \$25 each and all proceeds go to help the animals in our care. Games are available for purchase at J.Dap Co. and at the Avalanche office. "Creature Comforts Cookbook" is still available for a donation of \$15. Stop by the Shelter, the Grayling Hospital for Animals, the Avalanche, Riverland Gear, The Medicine Shoppe, or Stevens Family Circle and get your copy. The support of this community has allowed for many upgrades at the shelter in 2002. Stay tuned for details!

The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is located at: 508 1/2 Huron Street (M-72 East) in Grayling Between the Road Commission and the Eagles Hall Hours: Mon. - Sat. 9 am - 1 pm; Sun. and Holidays 8 am - 11 am After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

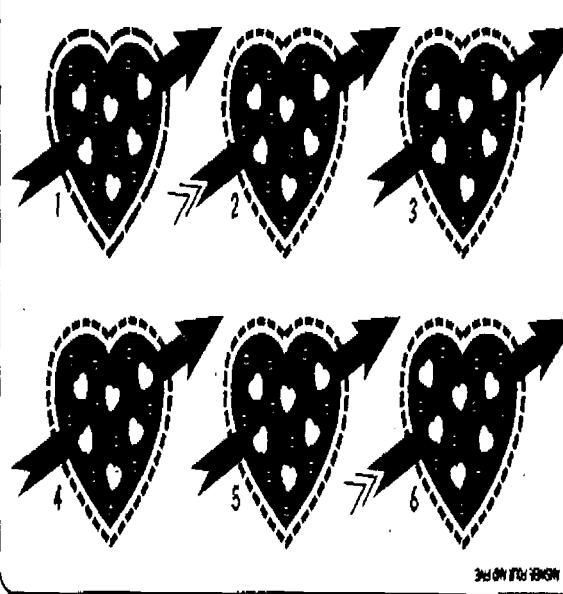
Chocolate Dried Plum Thumbprints

1 cup chopped Sunsweet Dried Plums
1/4 cup granulated sugar
1/2 cup chopped walnuts, toasted
1/2 cup semi-sweet chocolate morsels
1 cup butter or margarine, softened
1-1/2 cups brown sugar, packed
2 cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 cup milk
2 cups quick-cooking oats
In medium saucepan combine dried plums, sugar and 1/2 cup water; bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer for 3 minutes, stirring constantly. Stir in walnuts and

chocolate morsels. Set aside. Preheat oven to 350°F. In large mixing bowl, beat butter and brown sugar with electric mixer on medium speed, until smooth. With mixer on low speed, gradually add flour, soda and salt, beating until well combined. Stir in milk and oats; mix well. Shape mixture into 1/4-inch balls. Place 2 inches apart on ungreased cookie sheet. Press down in center of each with thumb. Bake for 10 minutes; remove from oven. Spoon about 1 teaspoon dried plum mixture into center of each cookie. Bake for 2 to 3 minutes more. Let stand on cookie sheet 1 minute before removing to wire racks. Makes about 5 dozen cookies.

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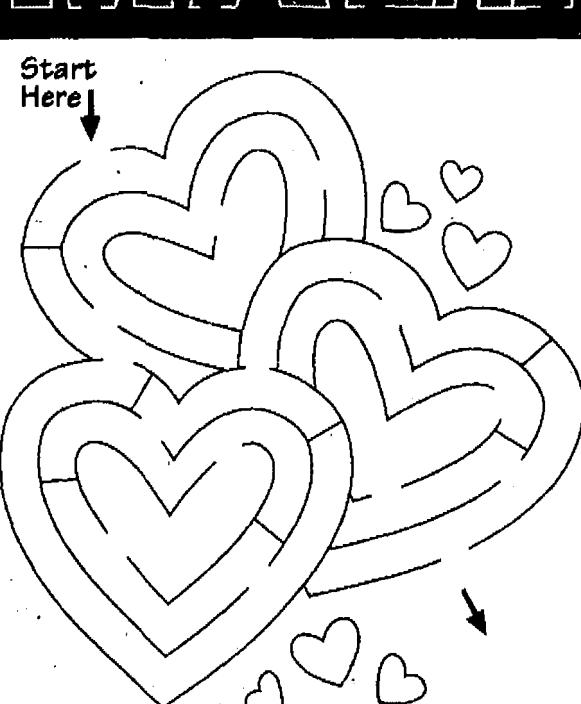
WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?



DID YOU KNOW

The largest crabs in the world, which stand three feet high and often weigh as much as 30 pounds, live off the coast of Japan.

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HOROSCOPES

For the Week of February 13, 2003



Opportunities abound. Take advantage of them to move forward with your goals. A major change is about to take place at home. Prepare yourself.



Your financial future is more secure than you realize. Still it wouldn't hurt to add more to your retirement or savings account.



You'll soon forget all of the little things you've been worried about as a larger problem moves into the forefront. Deal with it in the most efficient way possible and then go out and have some fun.



Make way for something new. It could be a hobby, an activity, a pet or even a friend. Don't let it interfere, however, with plans you made awhile ago.



An idea of yours is under fire. Don't be alarmed. Change isn't easy to accept and even harder to implement. Things will settle down and everyone will benefit from your idea.



A financial windfall is headed your way. Don't be foolish and spend it frivolously. Pay off some debts instead and regain peace of mind.



Someone close to you is ill, but none of their physicians have been able to make a diagnosis. Encourage them to take charge of their health and seek help elsewhere.



Your physical fitness routine has become boring. It's time to try something new. Consider pilates, spinning or any of the other more popular concepts on the market.



You're feeling more talkative than usual. Be careful what you say. You don't want to reveal too much. Someone could use it against you.



Life at home is at a peak. Your family is happy and the chores around the house are all caught up. Enjoy the good times and have some fun.



A bug is going around at the office, but you are feeling fine. Eat right and get plenty of rest and you might not catch it.



It's amazing how far a young family member has come. Compliment them on their drive and determination, and encourage them to keep up the good work.

WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week

Date	H	L	Snow
2/05	29	10	2
2/06	16	3	.5
2/07	20	-17	1
2/08	15	15	.5
2/09	21	4	2
2/10	16	3	1.5
2/11	15	-23	trace

Extended Forecast

(Courtesy of the Weather.com)			
Wednesday	High 10	Low 1	
Thursday	High 16	Low 3	
Friday	High 28	Low 0	
Saturday	High 22	Low -2	
Sunday	High 20	Low -1	
Monday	High 15	Low 3	

RESPIRATORY THERAPIST
Mercy Hospital, Grayling, a wonderful hospital located in the heart of the beautiful North Central area of Michigan has full time openings at our Medical Surgical Hospital for a Certified Respiratory Therapist to provide quality respiratory therapy for our patients. Must be a graduate of an AMA approved school of respiratory therapy technician program. Some relevant experience preferred. We offer competitive wages and excellent fringe benefits our flexible scheduling includes 12-hour shifts. Interested persons please contact: Human Resources, Mercy Hospital, Grayling, 1100 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling, Michigan. Phone Number (989) 348-0570. Fax (989) 348-0485 e-mail feldmaa@trinity-health.org (-13/3)

CLINICAL ASSISTANT
Medical Offices, RN, LPN, CMA We are seeking persons to fill full-time Clinical Assistant positions, in our medical offices in Prudenville and Grayling. The candidate will assist Medical Practitioners providing care to the medical office patients. RN, LPN (must have NAPNES or equivalent) or Certified Medical Assistant. Prefer medical office and phlebotomy experience. We offer competitive wages and the opportunity to become part of a team of caring health care professionals. Interested persons please contact: Mercy Hospital, Grayling, 1100 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling, Michigan. Phone (989) 348-0528. Fax (989) 348-0485 (-13/3)

THE MICHIGAN HISTORICAL MUSEUM has summer positions (May 15-mid-August) for historical interpreters in the Upper and Lower Peninsulas. Must be able to pass drug test and enjoy working with the public. \$7 an hour. Application is available at www.michigan.gov/hal. Deadline is March 1, 2003 or until all positions are filled. For details call 517-241-2381 or e-mail to JoAnn Carroll at carrollja@michigan.gov (-6-13-20-27/3)

DOLL REPAIR Kiln firing, and doll supplies. Call (989) 348-8350 (12/12/02tf/4)

I CHARGE BY THE JOB, not by the hour Winter Maintenance: Shoveling snow off sidewalks, porches, decks. Shoveling snow off roofs of houses, garages, trailers, sheds and stacking wood. (989) 348-5081 (-13/4)

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ROOF SNOW REMOVAL 15 years experience. Call for a free estimate. (989) 348-5848 or (989) 942-7303 (cell). (-6-13/4)

DRIVER'S TRAINING & Road Testing is offered by the Grayling Drivers Training School. Register now for the April 8 class. Contact Howard Lehti (989) 348-8838. (LR4/3/03/4)

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5. For Sale

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pillowtop mattress set. New in plastic. Cost \$900, sacrifice for \$225. Call (989) 539-3910 or (989) 429-0062. (-6-13/5)

AVALANCHE OFFICE HOURS: Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. 102 Michigan Avenue, Grayling (-989) 348-6811

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Workforce Development Board and Northeast Michigan Consortium are requesting proposals to operate Workforce Investment Act (WIA) In-School and Out-of-School Programs for Youth in the counties of Alcona, Alpena, Cheboygan, Crawford, Montmorency, Oscoda, Otsego and Presque Isle.

Program dollars of approximately \$900,000 are available. Of this amount, \$360,000 must be expended on Out-of-School Youth Programs. The remainder of \$540,000 is to be expended on In-School Youth Programs.

A Bidder's Conference will be held on Tuesday, February 18, 2003, at 1:30 p.m. in the Onaway Michigan Works! Service Center.

Requests for proposals should be made to Terry L. Basel, Michigan Works! Northeast Consortium, P.O. Box 711, Onaway, Michigan 49765. Disk copies are available upon request. The proposal deadline for submission is Friday, March 28, 2003, at 12:00 p.m. at the Northeast Michigan Consortium, Onaway, Michigan. Late proposals will not be considered.

An Equal Opportunity Employer/Program. Auxiliary aids and services will be made available upon request to individuals with disabilities.

PUBLIC NOTICE

**Northeast Michigan Consortium
Workforce Investment Act
Incumbent Worker Training Program**

Northeast Michigan Consortium is soliciting proposals from qualified educational agencies and training providers for an Incumbent Worker Training Program for private sector employers. Programs funded with these dollars are strongly suggested to be patterned after the Economic Development Job Training (EDJC) grants as funded by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation.

Incumbent Workers are currently employed workers who need training to advance or avert layoffs. Training may be in basic skills, occupational skills or customized training and may include "soft skills" as part of an overall "package."

Funding is anticipated to be approximately \$43,500 from the Workforce Investment Act through the Michigan Department of Career Development. Proposals will be accepted beginning with receipt of this notice and will continue to be accepted anytime thereafter, until funding is no longer available. A priority will be given to proposals received by February 18, 2003. Acceptable proposals received after that date will be funded on a first come first request basis. Due to the short timeframe, proposals should be concise and no more than five pages in length.

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The release of this notice and initiation of the procurement of training providers does not require Northeast Michigan Consortium to award funding or programs and may terminate this process in whole or in part at any time.

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4 X 8 Lighted Signs and or tables and chairs for special occasions. Trash barrels for sale at Fick & Sons, Grayling. (989) 348-7647 or 1-800-292-9295. (7/25/02tf/7)

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8. Announcements

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Supplies are available or feel free to bring your own. Make your first bracelet for as low as \$4.00 (-13/8)

J. DAP HAS the perfect Valentine's present for your someone special. Italian Charm Bracelets. They can be personalized to suit each individual! Stop by soon! J. Dap Co. is located at 118 Michigan Ave., in Grayling. (-13/5)

ARE YOU A SKIER or you would like to learn how to ski? Skylines After School Special on Friday's from 3:30 - 9:00 is for you. Lift tickets are \$7. Ski rentals are \$7 and get a free meal. If you've never tried skiing, take advantage of these discounted rates and we will provide a free group lesson if you make arrangements ahead of time. Call (989) 275-5445 Skyline Ski and Country Club. Just north of Higgins Lake off I-75, Exit 251. (-6-13-20/8)

NEW AT J. DAP CO. Gift Store!! Yankee Candle aerosol room sprays and fabric refresher sprays! J. Dap is located at 118 Michigan Ave. in Grayling. (-13/8)

GRAYLING HOLIDAY INN'S Speakeasy Saloon live entertainment. Wednesday thru Saturday bands playing. Feb. 5 - Feb. 8 Ashberry Jam, Feb. 12 - Feb. 15 Risque Happy Hour is back! 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. 25 oz. drafts, \$2; Bass Ale and Guinness Stout, 25 oz. \$5. (-6-13/8)

FOLKS INTERESTED in Model Railroading. Second meeting, Tuesday, February 18 from 6-8 p.m. Location: Grayling Free Methodist Church, 6352 M-72 West. Any questions (989) 348-1185 (-13/8)

SKYLINE RESTAURANT SPECIALS Thursday night, 8 oz. Prime Rib dinner \$9.95. Friday night all you can eat Deep Fried Icelandic Cod Fillet dinner \$9.95. Pan Fried Lake Perch or Walleye dinner \$11.99. Deep Fried Breaded Cod Basket \$5.99. Saturday night BBQ rib, 1/2 slab \$9.95, full slab \$12.95. 12 oz. Ribeye steak \$12.95. All dinners are served with salad bar soup and potato. Other specials served daily. (989) 275-5445 (10/24/02tf/8)

9. Personal

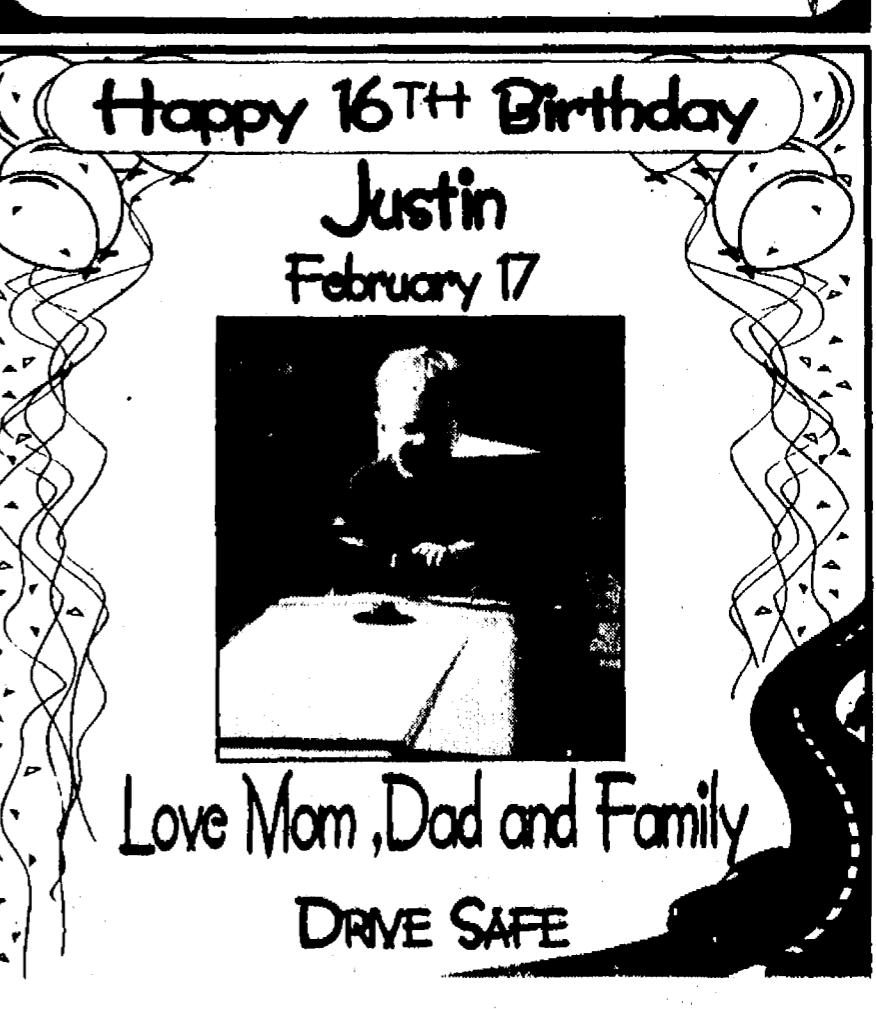
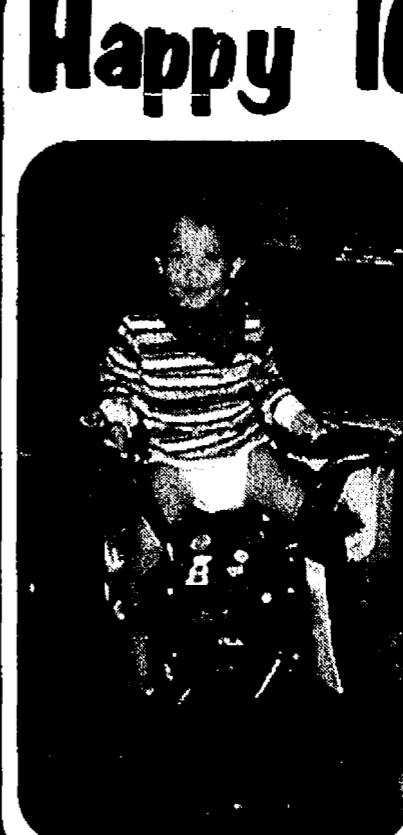
NOVENA TO ST. JUDE May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved, now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us. St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us. St. Jude, helper of the hopeless, pray for us. Say this prayer nine times a day for nine days. By the eighth day, your prayer will be answered. Publication must be promised. Thank you, St. Jude. 3X (-13/9)

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9. Personal



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CLIP AND SUBMIT WITH PHOTO

Child's Name: _____
Birthday: _____
Parent's Name(s): _____
Grandparent's Name(s): _____
Contact Person's Name: _____
Phone #: _____

Avalanche P.O. Box 490, Grayling MI 49738
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All photos can be picked up at the Avalanche office after publication.

CRAWFORD COUNTY SWEETHEARTS - 2003 WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE FEBRUARY 20, 2003 ISSUE

AVALANCHE

PRAYER TO THE Blessed Virgin (never known to fail) - most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God. Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. O, Star of the Sea, help me and show me that You are my Mother. O, Holy Mary, Mother of God. Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to help me in my necessity. (Make your request). There are none that can withstand your power. O, Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to you. (Three times). Holy Mary, place this prayer in your hands. (Three times). Say this prayer for three consecutive days and then publish it and it will be granted to you. Grateful thanks. 3x (-13/9)

PRAYER To the Holy Spirit, You, who make me see everything and show me the way to reach my ideal. You who give me the divine gift to forgive and forget the wrong that is done to me and You who are in all instances of my life with me. I, in this short dialogue, want to thank You for everything and confirm once more that I never want to be separated from You no matter how great the material desire may be. I want to be with You and my loved ones in Your perpetual glory. Amen. Thank You for your love towards me and my loved ones. Person must pray this three consecutive days without asking for a wish. After third day, your wish will be granted, no matter how difficult it may be. Promise to publish this dialogue as soon as your favor has been granted. 3x (-13/9)

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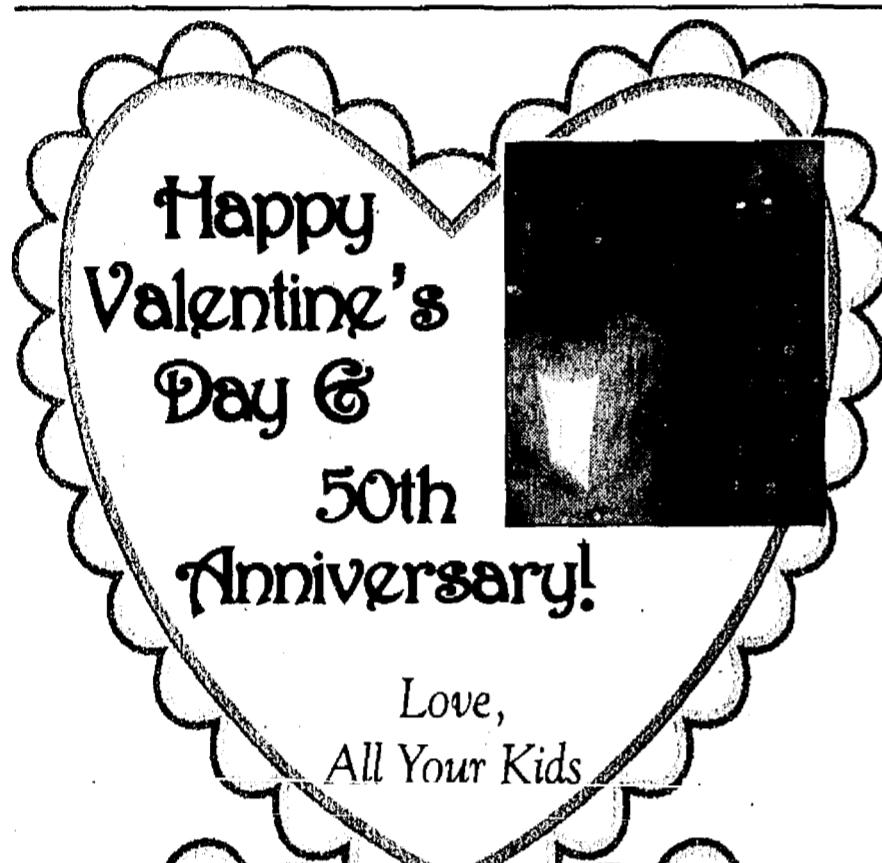
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Sat 9:00 am-2:00 pm

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9. Personals



To My Valentine!

